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Historic Kremlin demand for extension of democracy

Gorbachov calls for secret Soviet ballots

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday threw down the gauntlet to the many internal critics of his ambitious reform programme by demanding that it be expanded to include the introduction of secret ballots for the selection of leading officials of the ruling Communist Party.

Mr Gorbachov also took foreign observers by surprise by hinting strongly at new electoral procedures for selecting members of the ruling Politburo and the secretariat of the Communist Party's Central Committee. "The Politburo's opinion is that further democratization should apply to the formation of the central leading bodies of the party. I think this is quite logical," he said.

In a historic speech to the long-delayed Plenum of the 307-member Central Committee, Mr Gorbachov also proposed that a special all-union conference of the party should be staged in Moscow next year — the first such gathering since 1941 — to discuss further measures for expanding democratic procedures.

Running to 130 pages on Tass, the Soviet news agency, the hard-hitting speech was being compared in importance with that delivered by Mr Khrushchev in 1956 denouncing Stalin. Mr Gorbachov was ruthless in analysing in scathing detail the severe ills which befell the Soviet Union during the Brezhnev era, which he called a period of nationwide demoralization.

Senior Western diplomats said later that the content of the speech and the decision to break with tradition and publish it instantaneously and in full were examples of Mr Gorbachov's determination to take his struggle with entrenched conservative critics inside the party to the broader Soviet public.

Among measures which were promised were a new criminal law which would enable citizens who felt that they had been wronged by Communist officials to pursue complaints through the courts. Mr Gorbachov also pledged new laws to support the Soviet media in its Kremlin-inspired campaign to expose corrupt and indolent officials.

"Evidently the time has come to begin elaborating legal acts guaranteeing openness (or *glasnost*)," the Soviet leader informed his influential audience. "These should ensure maximum openness in the activities of state and public organizations and give the working people a real opportunity to express their opinions on any aspect of society."

Speaking in the Kremlin to a meeting delayed because of internal opposition to Mr Gorbachov's sweeping plans for reform and for personnel changes, the 55-year old leader said that heads of the country's 15 constituent republics, its regions, cities and districts should all be elected by secret ballot, and that more than one candidate should stand for office.

The proposals, expected to be endorsed before the meeting winds up later this week, represent one of the most radical changes in Communist Party practice since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. At present, officials are effectively chosen behind closed doors, and only then formally elected by a show of hands at carefully orchestrated party meetings.

"Some comrades, apparently, find it hard to understand that democratization is not just a slogan, but the essence of re-organization," Mr Gorbachov said in one of the toughest speeches he has delivered since taking power nearly two years ago. "They must change their views and habits so as not to find themselves aside from the mainstream of life. This is our persistent advice to all who are still doubting and slow."

Reporting what was regarded as the key section of the marathon address, which will be considered by delegates when the session reconvenes today, Tass said: "It was suggested that secretaries, including first secretaries, be elected by secret vote at Plenums (full meetings) of the corresponding party committees. Members of the party committee would have the right to put on the voting ticket any number of candidates."

Western Kremlin-watchers observed later that the plan would be certain to meet with resentment from many officials who would see it as a threat comfortable lifestyles in posts which had in many instances become lifetime sinecures. They noted that Mr Gorbachov made clear that the suggestion came from the grass roots, where he is now looking for his main support.

During the speech, the Kremlin leader also called for greater democracy in the election of local government deputies and factory managers and called for more women, young people and non-party members to be brought forward to fulfil positions of public responsibility.

Anticipating the internal criticism which the new measures are certain to provoke, Mr Gorbachov told the meeting: "The point at issue is, certainly, not any break-up of our political system ... Socialist democracy has nothing in common with permissiveness, irresponsibility, anarchy. Real democracy serves every person, protecting his political and social

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Gorbachov's proposals: Main points

- **New electoral procedures, with the possibility of secret ballots for Communist Party posts**
- **A special national conference to be held in 1988 to discuss economic reform and democratizing Soviet society**
- **A new law allowing people to pursue complaints against Communist Party officials through the courts**
- **Encouragement of non-Communist Party members to take a more active part in Soviet life**

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Mr Gorbachov: Expecting opposition from party officials in good positions who have been accustomed to a high lifestyle.

Howe voices concern for Waite's safety

By Nicholas Beeston

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, were greatly concerned yesterday about the safety and whereabouts of Mr Terry Waite, amid persistent rumours from Beirut that the Archbishop's envoy has become the latest victim of the scourge of kidnapping that he has worked so hard to combat.

The British Ambassador to Lebanon, Mr John Gray, and his defence attaché made a perilous journey into Muslim west Beirut under heavy guard for talks about Mr Waite's disappearance with the Lebanese Prime Minister, Mr Rashid Karami, the House Speaker, Mr Hussein Husseini, and a representative of the Druze Muslim militia.

The force, headed by Mr Walid Jumblatt, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party, kept Mr Waite under protective armed guard until he went underground eight days ago for talks with the kidnappers of Western hostages, believed to be members of the Iranian-backed Islamic Jihad organization.

"Mr Gray returned to Christian east Beirut, but had no fresh news about Mr Waite," a Foreign Office spokesman said, who added that the embassy was holding urgent contacts with a number of Lebanese Muslim leaders about the missing envoy.

Earlier, Sir Geoffrey said he was very worried about the absence of news and pointed out that Mr Waite was working in circumstances "which are not free from danger." He refused to comment about allegations that the hostage negotiator was being held against his will.

Dr Runcie in a brief statement said he was "very concerned for Terry Waite's safety," but emphasized that Islamic leaders had promised to provide all possible security measures. He said his envoy had been prepared to "put himself at risk," but said the situation was too delicate to comment about.

Mr Waite's mother, Mrs Lena Waite, of Lymm, Cheshire, told reporters: "It's been worse that normal. We have not heard from him for a week — it's not like Terry, he always rings."

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Mr Waite's wife, Frances, who lives at their home in South-East London, remained silent about his disapperance, but neighbours noted she appeared very nervous.

In a statement last night, Lambeth Palace said there was still no evidence that its negotiator was being held against his will. The last report of his welfare was received on Monday afternoon via "trusted contacts" in Lebanon, but the same contacts reached yesteday could not shed any more light on his fate.

However, sources in Beirut have indicated that Mr Jumblatt, who feels responsibility for Mr Waite's safety, is privately very worried about his welfare.

Two news reports from Beirut in the past two days suggested that Mr Waite was being held against his will, possibly by Shia Muslim fundamentalists linked to the Iranian-backed Hezbollah

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Cost of Trident drops by £546m

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday prepared for a months-long assault on the defence policies of the Labour Party and the Alliance with an announcement of a £546 million real reduction in the estimated cost of the Trident missile programme.

To the delight of Conservative MPs Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, told the Commons that the revised estimate for Trident, which the opposition parties are committed to cancelling, is £9,265 million at average 1986-87 prices.

The estimate has come down from £9,869 million last year but the £546 million real cut is arrived at after allowing for the effects of inflation and variations in the exchange rate.

Mr Younger's announcement came as it was disclosed that he is shortly to publish a Ministry of Defence study of the alternatives to Trident, which have been backed notably by the Alliance parties. It will conclude that they are inferior on operational and cost grounds.

The big revision downwards in the Trident estimate was attributed by Ministry of Defence officials last night to hard bargaining with contractors, and the ability of the ministry to "firm up" the costs as the project progresses.

Conservative and Labour MPs saw no coincidence in yesterday's announcement and the disclosure that the Government is mounting a relentless onslaught against the defence policies of the opposition parties.

It will comprise a combination of Government and Conservative Party initiatives, and a series of keynote speeches by Mr Younger and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary — the first by Sir Geoffrey yesterday to the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

At the end of next month there is to be a party political broadcast, accompanied by a mass leaflet campaign.

The Tory campaign will continue until the election, apart from a brief respite during the period of the Budget, according to ministers.

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● The Labour Party's "full steam ahead" charge into a unilateralist stance on nuclear disarmamanment could cost it the next election, Mr Eric Hammond, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, says.

"I cannot believe that even the most diehard of unilateralists is oblivious to the growing public concern about Labour's defence policy," he writes in next month's issue of the union's journal.

'Service as normal' at Telecom

By Tim Jones

As the British Telecom dispute hardened yesterday when more than 30,000 clerical workers started a three-day stoppage, joining their engineering colleagues who are on indefinite strike, the company claimed it was operating almost normally.

Telecom said it was continuing to give good service to its customers, in spite of local difficulties. On Monday, eight of its 6,000 exchanges had been temporarily out of service.

There was no sign yesterday of a futher meeting between the two sides to settle the dispute which could result in as many as 24,000 telephones a day being put out of action.

Telecom is insisting that the union must accept changes in its working practices before the company can proceed with the backdated pay deal, worth an estimated seven per cent — three per cent less than the union is claiming.

The union maintained that, in spite of Telecom claims to the contrary, "serious problems" were developing.

Thatcher accused of satellite 'frenzy'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Leader, last night accused the Government of taking "frenzied" action to prevent disclosure of information on the Zircon spy satellite project over the previous four days after a "casual" failure to act over the previous four months.

In noisy Commons exchanges he was supported by Labour's trade spokesman, Mr Robin Cook, who alleged that among the papers taken from the home of *New Statesman* journalist Mr Duncan Campbell by police was correspondence from a senior minister who had indicated his willingness to hold discussions with Mr Campbell and to appear in his planned BBC series on secrecy, the key programme which was cancelled after Government representations.

Mr Cook did not name the minister and there was little alarm in Whitehall last night about his allegation. Government sources believe that any minister who had been in contact with Mr Campbell would have been indicating his willingness to go on the programme to put a counter point of view.

The Question Time exchanges came before MPs began last night's debate on a Government motion supporting the Speaker's decision to prevent the film on the Zircon project being shown in the precincts of Westminster.

Mr Kinnock said that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's previous answers showed that the Government had known of the potential risk to national security since last October, when it learned that Mr Campbell was planning to include details of the Zircon project in the programme.

He contrasted four months of complacency with four days of action last week, including the seeking of injunctions, the sending of solicitors' letters threatening newspaper editors and the searching of the *New Statesman* offices by police.

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When Mr Kinnock suggested scornfully that Mrs Thatcher seemed to think a chat with the BBC was a sufficient safeguard for national security there were angry protests from the Conservative benches, where MPs shouted about Mr Kinnock's contacts with the defence during the Peter Wright spy case in Australia

The Prime Minister said that she was advised that, following the BBC's decision not to show the film, no injunction could be obtained against the *New Statesman* until there was evidence that the magazine intended to publish the classified material and urged Mr Kinnock to direct his strictures against Mr Campbell and the magazine.

She thought those outside the Commons would be very critical of those who used national defence secrets for "their own personal gain".

Guinness prosecutions 'under consideration'

By Lawrence Lever

The office of the Director of Public Prosecutions is believed to be considering whether it has sufficient evidence to bring criminal prosecutions against individuals involved in the Guinness affair.

The DPP is being kept closely informed with developments by the Department of Trade and Industry, which appointed the inspectors to investigate Guinness. The DTI has passed on evidence to the DPP on possible criminal offences

The DTI yesterday refused to comment, but Mr Michael Howard, the minister responsible for the investigation, has already said that any evidence of criminal activity would be relayed to the DPP.

The DPP has the power to initiate criminal proceedings before the inspectors finish their report.

The Government is under strong pressure to come up with a criminal prosecution from the Guinness affair. The DTI investigation has been seized upon by the Opposition as evidence of widespread City fraud and has led to calls to abandon the system of self-regulation, which the new Financial Services Act would create.

The investigation has so far unearthed evidence of a multi-million share support operation designed to boost Guinness's share price and thus its chances of winning control of Distillers, the Scottish drinks group. In some cases Guinness paid third parties for this support.

Oxford high and dry

Oxford's rowing crisis remained unresolved last night. The candidates for the Boat Race crew met at lunchtime supposedly to see their president, Donald Macdonald, whose selection in preference to the American, Chris Clark, precipitated the dispute.

But Macdonald was not there, apparently delayed en route from his home.

The crew retired for dry training with weights and a rowing ergometer. It was the second successive day they had not been on the water. Their potential reserve crew, Isis, however, had a work out **Page 40**

Cancer gas tests on homes

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

New action to combat a naturally produced radioactive gas which increases the risk of lung cancer was announced by the Government last night.

Surveys are to be carried out in thousands of homes in Devon and Cornwall, the worst affected area in Britain, which are believed to have above average concentrations of radon gas.

Radon-222 bubbles up from the ground, particuarly in areas with igneous rock such as granite. Concentrations can build up in buildings where the gas decays into minute solid particles. If inhaled, it can be deposited on the surface of the lungs.

It has been estimated that in the United States between 10,000 and 20,000 people die each year from lung cancer brought on by radon gas.

The National Radiological Protection Board and the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment advised that action should be taken to reduce gas levels in existing homes and to limit exposure in new homes.

● Radon is a dense, invisible gas, produced by the radioactive decay of uranium in soil.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for the Environment, told MPs the Government would fund a survey to identify houses with high gas levels. However, any remedial action, which could involve replacing floors in some homes, will have to be paid for by householders in most cases.

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Iranians laugh amid debris of Basra fighting

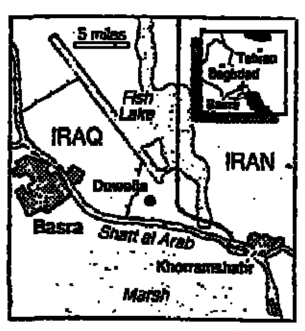
From Robert Fisk
Fishlake Causeway
- Iranian-occupied Iraq

The young Iranian boys did not even bother to keep their helmets on amid the shellfire.

They lounged around the earthworks of the captured Iraqi front, smoking cigarettes, hanging out their washing, eating their army rations and waving at us as the artillery rounds hissed overhead. The explosions even made them laugh. Was it a contempt for death or merely their reaction to our fear?

It is along a narrow and fearful causeway a few feet above the flooded battlefields east of Basra that Iran's army of boys, elderly volunteers, Revolutionary Guard commanders and captured weapons are moving towards the Iraqi city. "War till victory," the youths shouted from the mud, and after we had driven along that ridge of earth and reached the ruined Iraqi defences at Shalamzar Guard Commander Mazarin pointed over the ramparts towards Iraq's besieged city by way of confirmation.

"You can see the petrochemical works in the suburbs," he shouted. Peering over a ledge of mud that physically shook as the Iranian gunners fired their 155 mm shells from the waterlogged gun-line behind us, we could make out quite clearly across an expanse of bright water the towers and factory buildings of Basra's suburban industrial complex, grey on the horizon, silhouetted for the artillery men by the midday sun. A mob of uniformed boys stood around us laughing. "Why be afraid," one asked. "Look, we are protected — Saddam will die."



A few hours earlier, President Saddam Hussein of Iraq had declared the causeway "a furnace" in which the Iranians would perish. Yet that boy's "protection" in Shalamzar consisted of just one red bandana wound tightly around his head, upon which, inscribed in yellow, was God's supposed invocation to destroy the Iraqi regime. Could one but remember here amid the mud Siegfried Sassoon's great poem of the First World War in which God concluded that — with both sides praying for his assistance — he had his work cut out?

The images of the First World War and its terrible casualties are no journalistic cliché here. The battlefields are on an epic scale; even when the shells burst in the canal on both sides of us, it is impossible not to be awed by the lakes of mud and water, craters and dugouts, the sheer infernal sound of a conflict that has already consumed a million dead, perhaps 20,000 of them in the past two weeks in this very filth around us.

There are Iraqi bodies still

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Royal Dockyard sale criticized

Babcock Thorn was yesterday awarded the seven-year contract to run the Royal Dockyard at Rosyth in Scotland.

The announcement by Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, in the Commons, was attacked by the Opposition MPs.

Mr Martin O'Neill, a Labour defence spokesman, said that the deal would cause resentment among the Rosyth workforce and the minister's dismissal of the union call for ownership to be transferred to trading funds was a "gross oversimplification" of their case.

Mr Younger insisted that he had met his legal obligations to inform and consult the unions over the sale.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said that MPs would come to regret "investing in a private monopoly for refitting the nuclear deterrent".

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Mother's escape

A woman and her baby son escaped with minor injuries yesterday when an empty train from the Sellafield nuclear complex was in collision with their car on an unmanned level crossing near the village of Haverigg in Cumbria.

Mrs Elaine Moore, aged 31, and her 12-month-old son Stephen, from Kirksanton, were taken to Furness Hospital in Barrow.

The hospital said Mrs Moore would probably be detained for observation. Her son was allowed home.

Murder review

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, is considering a request to have the case of Paul Cleeland, who has spent 13 years in jail for murder, referred to the Court of Appeal.

Mr Bowen Wells, Conservative MP for Hertford and Stortford, and Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the SDP, say faults with evidence have emerged.

Cleeland, who defended himself, was found guilty at a retrial after one jury failed to agree. An appeal against his life sentence was dismissed.

£100m freight plan

British Rail is considering spending about £100 million on new locomotives for its heavy freight trains.

Tenders for about a hundred, costing roughly £1 million each, are likely to be invited later this year, for delivery starting in 1989 and spread over about three years. They would be operated by Railfreight, the British Rail subsidiary which concentrates on heavy freight movements such as coal, aggregate and petroleum.

Surprise in Truro

Mrs Margaret Scott, the elder sister of the late Mr David Penhaligon (right), has emerged as a surprise contender to fight the Truro by-election caused by the Liberal MP's death.

The by-election is likely to be held on March 12.

Mrs Scott, aged 46, was one of 51 contenders to defend her brother's 10,480 majority who had submitted their applications by Monday night's deadline. She is a college lecturer in Guildford, Surrey.

She said yesterday: "It's a decision of the head, not the heart."

Whiskey in fatal car

One of two women who died when their jeep fell into 20 feet of water after apparently trying to board a departing ferry had an alcohol level three times over the legal limit for driving, an inquest jury heard yesterday.

Divers who recovered the bodies of Mrs Eileen Bond, aged 42, of Church View Road, and Mrs Deborah Emerton, aged 23, of Hospital Bridge Road, both Twickenham, found a threequarter full bottle of Irish whiskey in the vehicle, the Isle of Wight inquest was told.

Dr Robert Kumar, police surgeon, said head injuries to both women were consistent with them hitting a bar on the top of the vehicle as it turned over before entering the sea at Fishbourne on the Isle of Wight.

A verdict of accidental death was returned on the women, who had been visiting an inmate at Camp Hill Prison.

Clash over Irish bank raid

A political dispute erupted yesterday after the hijacking of Ir£1½m by three armed men during a raid on a Securicor van in the Irish Republic on Monday.

The opposition Fianna Fail party claimed that financial cutbacks were responsible for a spate of armed robberies.

The raiders, who are not believed to be terrorists, snatched the cash in used notes from a van in Dublin.

Senior police sources said they had not been informed by Securicor that such a large sum of money was being moved.

Farming incomes rise 21%

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Farm incomes rose by an estimated 21 per cent to £1,411 million last year, but still more than 50 per cent below the high point of 1984, according to the Government's annual review of agriculture, published yesterday.

A surprisingly optimistic summary of income forecasts that dairy farms in England will see further increases in income this year, and that cereal and general cropping farms will experience a market income recovery. But cattle and sheep farmers in lowland areas will experience a further fall in incomes.

Mr Simon Gourlay, president of the National Farmers' Union, said last night that the underlying trend in farm incomes was still downwards.

Annual Review of Agriculture 1987 (Command 67, HMSO; £6.60).

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Anderton makes peace with authority

By Ian Smith

Greater Manchester Police Authority was forced yesterday to accept a compromise peace accord with its outspoken chief constable, Mr James Anderton.

After a two-hour meeting at the Home Office between Mr Anderton, the chairman of the police authority, Mr Stephen Murphy and his deputy, Mr David Moffat, the three men emerged to announce that the dispute was officially over.

It means, Mr Anderton insisted, that he had not been gagged. But it also meant an undertaking from him that he would confer with the police authority chairman should he wish to make any future controversial statements "germane" to his job.

Mr Murphy stood next to Mr Anderton as he read out a statement that said the chairman and chief constable had agreed to meet regularly to "discuss matters of common interest" so that each was aware in advance of any developments which might give rise to concern. Those discussions would take full account of their effective statutory responsibilities.

Mr Anderton said: "I shall consider in the future when I wish to speak upon any issue germane to the policing of Greater Manchester whether or not it would be in everyone's best interest and prudent to discuss my intentions with other persons."

Mr Anderton, referring to his speech on Aids, which was given a hostile reception, and then the Radio 4 religious programme interview last week when he suggested he might have been chosen by God as a prophet, admitted he had never predicted the reaction he got.

Sir Lawrence Byford, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, was asked last week to meet police authority representatives 24 hours after Mr Anderton's radio interview.

This was followed by an official discussion separately with Mr Anderton, who was warned of the possible outcome if he failed to measure his public words more carefully.

Under section 29 of the Police Act 1964 Mr Anderton knew he faced a charge of endangering the efficiency of the force if he refused to give an undertaking to measure his words more carefully in future.

Next Wednesday, Manchester City Council meet to formally agree a recommendation by their police monitoring committee that they force a meeting of the police authority within seven days. At that meeting left-wing Labour members will attempt to ask Mr Anderton 14 questions, most involving the resignation of his former deputy, Mr John Stalker.

New police powers over marches and processions

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Wide new powers for police to tackle mass demonstrations will allow stringent controls on assemblies such as that outside the News International plant at Wapping at the weekend, bringing them within the scope of the criminal law.

Under the Public Order Act 1986, police powers to prevent serious public disorder and impose conditions on marches and processions will be extended to cover static demonstrations and to preventing "serious disruption to the life of a community".

The Government says the new powers, to be brought into force on April 1, are not being rushed into effect because of the weekend violence. It had in the past made clear that it intended to help police deal with this kind of disturbance.

During second reading of the Public Order Bill last June in the Lords, Lord Glenarthur said that "all responsible people will deplore the violence and disorder seen at Wapping. The Bill's provisions may go some way towards helping the police in such situations."

But he added that the way forward in the Wapping dispute was "in the sensible cooperation between the police and the organizers of the demonstrations to reduce disorder and prevent violence, which only the troublemakers want."

Under the act there will be no power to ban assemblies (static demonstrations), nor a requirement for advance notice, as exists for marches.

But the powers will give police wide discretion to impose conditions on the numbers, place and duration of any assembly, making it a criminal offence to knowingly breach a condition.

The penalties are three months' imprisonment or a fine of up to £1,000, or both, for organizers; or a fine of £4,000 for those taking part.

Section 14 of the act gives the police power to impose conditions on an assembly where a senior police officer "reasonably believes" it could result in serious public disorder, serious disruption of a community, serious damage to property or serious disruption to the life of a community; or that the purpose of the organizers is the intimidation of others.

But during its Parliamentary passage the bill came under fire from opposition MPs, peers and from bodies such as the Legal Action Group, which said that it gave police a far too wide — some said "virtually unfettered" — discretion which would only exacerbate relations between police and demonstrators.

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington said that to "criminalize the actions of maybe hundreds of citizens in circumstances of deeply held concern when there is factually little possibility of mass prosecutions is surely, as the miners' strike so vividly showed, a most damaging and hollow policy to pursue."

The Legal Action Group said that should the police directions be contested in court, the officer would merely have to show that he reasonably believed them necessary to prevent disorder or disruption to the community. The courts would be unlikely to interfere with an officer's exercise of his discretion.

Hurd attacks Labour's 'lunatic' policy

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, hit out last night at Labour's "lunatic" proposals to bring the police under democratic supervision and spoke of the pressures which would have been applied in the Wapping dispute if they had been in force.

Mr Hurd said Labour wanted to sweep away the careful checks and balances which had been developed in support of the principle that the rule of law must be upheld and the Queen's peace maintained even-handedly and without political interference.

He urged the Labour leadership to come clean over Wapping. Was it their belief that the police should not protect those who worked at the plant? Should the pickets be allowed to impose mob rule and close the plant? "They dodge and weave when those questions are posed and refuse to answer," said Mr Hurd in London.

"The police are not at Wapping in support of Mr Murdoch, they have no views about the rights or wrongs of the dispute; that is not their job. Their job is to protect the individual rights of citizens from coercion.

"But imagine the pressure which would have been brought to bear to allow those rights to be discarded if the policing of London were subject, as Labour proposes, to the commands of Mr Livingstone, Mr Grant and the rest of that fanatic crew."

Mr Hurd said the Metropolitan Police would continue to police Wapping so long as their presence was needed to uphold the law

The key lay in the hands of the unions, he said. If they wanted to continue the dispute, as was their right, let them do so in a way which did not impose a harsh penalty on the police and people of London.

● Charles Spencer, a dismissed printer who obstructed a policeman during a skirmish outside the News International plant at Wapping, was fined £25 and ordered to pay £30 costs by Thames magistrates yesterday.

Spencer, aged 49, of Hall Street, Finsbury, who had denied the charge, was bound over in the sum of £50 for 12 months.

Stephen Humphries, aged 36, of Saling Green, Noakbridge Village, Laindon, Essex, denied using insulting words and was acquitted

Trident contract

Bargaining saves £546m

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Hard bargaining with the Americans over the development of the Trident missile programme has knocked £546 million off the cost, now estimated by the Ministry of Defence to be £9,265 million.

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, announced in the Commons that the Trident programme is on course. The favourable exchange rate, with the pound valued at $1.50 at June 1986 prices, compared with $1.28 the previous year, had also brought estimated savings of £598 million, although inflation had forced the cost up by £540 million.

But the £546 million saving has been engineered with the Americans, after a reassessment of the Royal Navy's requirements for the Trident submarine.

Although the specifications have not changed, the Ministry of Defence has been making a number of refinements to the submarine, as work has progressed on the first one, HMS Vanguard, now being built by Vickers at Barrow shipyard in Cumbria.

The original contract with the Americans to purchase the C4 Trident missile system, which was signed in July 1980 and then updated when the Government chose the more powerful D5 system, included a flexible arrangement under which negotiations could be held if requirements changed during the production period.

The ministry said that the savings were spread across many parts of the programme. The original estimate for the D5 system was £5,990 million

So far, of the 200 British companies which have put in bids, 55 have been awarded a total of 229 contracts, worth $52 million (£32.8 million).

The strong pound has meant that a larger share of the expenditure will be carried out in Britain. The initial contract was for 45 per cent of the estimate to be spent in the US and 55 per cent in Britain. But the higher the pound against the dollar, the less is spent in the US and currently the British share of the expenditure has increased from 55 per cent to 62 per cent.

Dame Barbara Shenfield, chairman of the Women's Royal Voluntary Service, with her arms full as her organization begins distribution of EEC surplus food. The first of the butter was given to the elderly of Enfield, north London, with their meals on wheels yesterday (Photograph: John Rogers).

Priorities dispute delays UK space plan

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Publication of Britain's first space plan is being held up because of a dispute between government ministers about its cost and priorities.

The British National Space Centre plan, stating how the Government should share out its £100 million civil space research budget, was due to be announced last December but is not expected now until next month. The centre has been asked to provide more details on the commercial viability of different projects.

The plan is believed to urge more spending on civilian space projects such as the European Space Agency's Hermes space shuttle and the British Hotol (horizontal takeoff and landing) space aircraft.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister of State for Industry and Information Technology, is trying to convince the Treasury that increased spending will be justified by vast commercial possibilities.

At present £80 million of the research budget is spent on Britain's participation in the ESA, which is involved in developing the French Hermes shuttle to be carried on an updated Ariane rocket, and on designing a space laboratory.

The classified Hotol project, under development by British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, is the other main contender for Government support.

Nuclear power

Fears of Chernobyl in UK

By Pearce Wright and Teresa Poole

Half the people in Britain believe that an accident similar to Chernobyl could happen in the UK, according to a Mori poll published yesterday.

A majority is also against building more nuclear power stations.

The poll was conducted before this week's recommendation by Sir Frank Layfield in favour of a pressurized water reactor at Sizewell.

Half those interviewed thought that a Chernobyl-type disaster could take place and 43 per cent thought it unlikely.

About 54 per cent were against the building of more nuclear power stations but less than a third of those surveyed supported the immediate closure of all Britain's nuclear power plants.

The survey, carried out for *Reader's Digest*, interviewed 1,761 adults in the week of January 9.

There was general scepticism about the trustworthiness of information about nuclear energy. Only a quarter trusted what the Government said and 21 per cent believed the Civil Service.

On whether Britain was dependent on nuclear power for its future energy needs, 41 per cent thought there was no real choice but to use nuclear energy, while 45 per cent did not think the country was dependent.

Over the past six months opinion on the safety of treating and storing nuclear waste has shifted in favour of the nuclear argument. About 42 per cent believed current methods were acceptable compared with 37 per cent in a poll in June last year.

The poll coincided with the joining of forces yesterday by three of the main objectors in a renewed campaign to block plans for Sizewell B

The groups are the Town and Country Planning Association, the Council for the Protection of Rural England and Friends of the Earth.

Objectors insisted yesterday that Sir Frank Layfield's report was massively out of date.

They added that the Central Electricity Generating Board's own estimate of what Sizewell B would cost to build had already risen from £1,147 million to £1,550 million — far more than the rate of inflation.

As a result, instead of saving £1,000 million over its lifetime as the board had claimed, the reactor would lost between £400 million and £500 million, they said.

Nunn gives up director's role at RSC

By Gavin Bell
Arts Correspondent

Mr Trevor Nunn has relinquished his executive role at the Royal Shakespeare Company, making way for his associate Mr Terry Hands to become the sole artistic director. Mr Nunn has held that job for almost 10 years.

His transfer to a new advisory capacity is part of structural changes which are likely to see Sir Peter Hall renewing a close association with the company which he helped to establish in 1961.

Mr Nunn, deputy chief executive and joint artistic director since 1978, will join an advisory group with Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Mr Peter Brook. Sir Peter is expected to join the group when his contract at the National Theatre expires in September next year.

Announcing the reshuffle yesterday, Mr Hands said retirement from administrative duties would permit Mr Nunn to devote more time to artistic work. "It is a sideways step which will allow him to do more straight plays for us, and I hope he might also do musicals."

Mr Nunn is in New York, preparing a Broadway production of the successful RSC musical *Les Miserables*.

Mr Hands will be assisted by a "working cabinet" of directors responsible for individual theatres in London and Stratford.

Despite a "standstill" grant of £5.2 million from the Arts Council for 1987/88, the company announced a record number of 39 productions for the new season. They include a first repertoire at the Mermaid Theatre.

Defence 'estate' badly run, audit report says

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Britain's multi-billion pound defence "estate," which includes everthing from servicemen's barracks to naval bases and airfields, is not being managed efficiently, a report disclosed yesterday.

The scope for savings and improved value for money from the £1,400 million spent annually on the estate is "substantial" and runs into tens of millions of pounds, according to Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General.

His National Audit Office report shows, for example, that 17 per cent of the 137,000 married servicemen's quarters were vacant last January — and a target set by ministers in 1983 to reduce vacant homes to 5,000 by next year is unlikely to be met.

Sir Gordon recommends that a strategic plan should be prepared by the Ministry of Defence and the Property Services Agency, which are jointly responsible for running the £7 billion estate which includes about 3,000 establishments and covers more than 222,000 hectares.

But the proposal which is most likely to alarm Britain's defence chiefs involves multi-Service use of facilities.

In particular the report says all service housing should be managed by a single authority.

Sir Gordon points to "a high risk of uneconomical use of the estate's assets and failure to get the best value for money from spending on investment in the estate.

"There is a need therefore for a stronger discipline on MoD and service managers to use the estate's resources more effectively," he adds. He suggests an Estate Control Authority, headed by estate management specialists, should be set up within the MoD.

The ministry has reacted coolly to such an idea.

Whitehall unions to unite over pay claim

By Tim Jones

The possibility of a wide-ranging strike by key Civil Service unions gained credibility yesterday when leaders of the moderate Inland Revenue Staff Federation decided to join forces with other Whitehall unions in a pay campaign.

A special conference of the union, which has 55,000 members delivered a humiliating rebuff to Mr Tony Christopher, general secretary, and his executive, when it voted 361 to 295 to press for the joint approach. It was a victory for broad left and militant factions who had argued it would be "divisive and dangerous" for the union to seek negotiate its own unilateral settlement.

The national executive had argued for pay increases ranging from 20 per cent to 24 per cent.

In November, the Civil and Public Services Association called for a joint campaign for a flat rate minimum of £115 for a 35-hour week.

TV claims on Tebbit lead MPs to attack

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Senior Labour MPs are preparing a personal attack on Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, over his relationship with Mr Abdul Shamji, the Asian businessman whose empire collapsed with debts of £40 million.

The MPs, who include Mr George Foulkes, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, are using as their starting point a two-part *World in Action* programme, broadcast last year, which referred repeatedly to Mr Shamji's use of his friendship with both Mr Tebbit and the Prime Minister to further his business interests.

The MPs claim that further information has been supplied to them by people who had connections with Gomba, Mr Shamji's company.

The programme told how Mr Shamji "pursued and got to know some of the most senior politicians in the land; and of how he sought to use them, often without their knowledge or consent, as the trump cards of his cardboard empire".

Amongst these politicians was Mr Tebbit, who "met and was entertained by Abdul Shamji, and the two men became friends".

At one point in the programme Mr Foulkes related how he told Mr Tebbit privately what he thought of Mr Shamji's business methods. "Mr Tebbit was quite annoyed and upset at what I'd said, challenged me to repeat it outside the House and see what happened then, and hasn't spoken to me since."

At another point Mr Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, told how the businessman came to see him when the Shamji empire was collapsing and asked for £20 million in return for his controlling interest in Wembley Stadium.

Mr Shamji mentioned his influential friends in the Conservative Party because "he thought he would be able to improve the image of our company" and "said he would be able to arrange for me to meet Mr Norman Tebbit".

Mr Tebbit declined to be interviewed by the programme. He said that his friendship with Mr Shamji was not personal but arose from his party position.

Arms sale cover-up alleged

By Our Whitehall Correspondent

The Prime Minister was accused by Mr David Steel yesterday of prolonging the war between Iran and Iraq by refusing to close an Iranian oil corporation office in London alleged to be a cover for arms dealing to Tehran.

The National Iranian Oil Corporation at No 4 Victoria Street, Westminster, has been under surveillance by the security authorities for a long time. Mr Steel, in a letter to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said that according to many reports, the building was being used as the main arms procurement centre for the Khomeini regime in Iran.

Mr Steel said he had personal confirmation from Iranian sources that the address had been used for this purpose since at least 1983.

"Until this office is closed, Her Majesty's Government are helping to prolong the Gulf War by their inaction at a time when thousands of young men are dying, and also helping to prop up a government involved in international terrorism."

The Liberal Party leader who revealed the contents of his letter to Mrs Thatcher on the Thames Television programme, *Reporting London*, last night also demanded to know whether the Prime Minister knew of the secret US arms shipments to Iran, before the affair broke in Washington.

In a letter to Mr Steel on December 4, the Prime Minister said that the Government was not informed by the United States of the arms consignement. But Mr Steel insisted yesterday that if British intelligence was watching the National Iranian Oil Corporation building in Victoria Street, "it seems very likely" that they knew.

Mr Steel asked Mrs Thatcher if she had been informed and if she knew of "Irangate" before it surfaced in Washington. "If not, since London was the centre of this sorry affair, why not?"

The Foreign Office said: "The National Iranian Oil Corporation is closely monitored but there is no evidence that they do not observe our laws."

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Youth laughed when police rescued dying constable, court told

One of the mob which attacked PC Keith Blakelock during the disturbances on the Broadwater Farm Estate laughed as colleagues carried away the fatally injured officer, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The youth taunted the senior officer at the scene, Chief Supt Colin Couch, by waving PC Blakelock's protective helmet, which had been cut from his head during the attack.

Mr Couch told of the frightening attack made on officers who ran a gauntlet of youths throwing chunks of paving stones as they tried to carry away the body of PC Blakelock, aged 40, during the disturbances in Tottenham, north-west London, on October 6, 1895.

He said that he led a small squad of officers on to the estate and saw a group of four or five people jumping on PC Blakelock's body. As he approached they ran away.

"I went to PC Blakelock and I picked him up," Mr Couch said.

"He was lying face up and I picked up his left-hand side and grabbed him under the shoulders. The officer on the other side did likewise. He held him by the lapel of his uniform which made it very difficult to balance."

A third officer protected them as they carried PC Blakelock away.

"Protection was necessary", Mr Couch said. "On my right-hand side officers were under very close attack. It was very frightening."

The sergeant in charge of PC Blakelock's squad was running backwards with rioters only inches away, lashing at his shield.

"Other officers further to my right were also being chased. To my left there were about 50 people who were throwing chunks of paving stone at myself and the officers protecting PC Blakelock.

"As I ran back, we were being showered by missiles. I looked back to try and see what was going on. I saw one of the youths holding a protective helmet in his right hand and he was laughing at me."

Mr Couch, now a Commander, said that when they placed PC Blakelock on the ground his head rolled to one side. "We saw a knife sticking into his neck under the right ear. It went in past the hilt."

Mr Couch, giving evidence on the fifth day of the trial of six people accused of murdering PC Blakelock, praised the courage of the small squad of police — including the dead officer — and firemen who were sent into the estate to deal with a supermarket blaze. He said the squad "very bravely" agreed to go in, although reinforcements had not arrived.

On trial are Winston Silcott, aged 27, a greengrocer, of Martlesham, Broadwater Farm; Mark Braithwaite, aged 29, unemployed, of Canonbury Villas, Islington, north London; Engin Raghip, aged 20, unemployed, of Finsbury House, Partridge Way, Wood Green, north London; and three juveniles, two aged 15 and one 16.

They all deny murder, riotous assembly and affray.

Mr Raghip and one of the 15-year-olds are white, the other defendants are black.

During cross-examination on events leading up to the disturbances, Mr Couch told Mr Michael Mansfield, defending one of the juveniles, that he was unaware that young blacks in the area were angry because they felt they were being singled out to be stopped and searched in the street.

"I can assure you I was angry at the amount of crime that was going on in Tottenham, which tended to be perpetrated by a particular type of individual."

He agreed with Mr Mansfield that these were people categorized by police as "IC3" — of black origin.

Mr Couch said that as far as he knew Mrs Cynthia Jarrett, whose death after a police search at her home sparked off the disturbances, had been a perfectly law-abiding citizen.

"She had been in the Haringey community for 25 years; she had five children and was very well known", said Mr Mansfield.

Mr Couch replied: "The family were well known."

Mr Mansfield said: "I know what you are implying."

Mr Mansfield said that before the disturbances, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Michael Richards had blocked demands from community leaders for a public inquiry into the death of Mrs Jarrett.

Mr Mansfield maintained that Mr Richards had told them that instead there would be an investigation by the Police Complaints Authority.

"That is almost right but it is a little bit unfair to put it like that," said Mr Couch.

Mr Mansfield suggested that the police could have been seen to be acting responsibly, particularly to the black community, by immediately suspending the main officers involved in the incident in which Mrs Jarrett died.

"That was a decision for Mr Richards and he obviously thought it was not necessary," replied Mr Couch.

The case was adjourned until today.

'Helmet forgotten' in stunt

The BBC team training Mr Michael Lush for a TV stunt forgot to place a crash helmet on his head as they prepared the jump that killed him, an inquest at Milton Keynes heard yesterday.

It was only as Mr Roy Bullen, a crane driver, began to hoist Mr Lush into the air inside a metal box, that the error was spotted.

Mr Bullen lowered the box, the helmet was fitted and the box was then hoisted for the jump, in which an elasticated rope was supposed to break Mr Lush's fall.

Mr Lush, an unemployed hod-carrier, aged 25, of Hobb Lane, Hedge End, near Southampton, was killed on November 13 last year at Long Crendon, Buckinghamshire, when he plunged to the ground during training for the stunt, which was to be screened live on *The Late Late Breakfast Show*, presented by Noel Edmonds.

Mr Bullen, of Appleton Road, Longworth, near Abingdon, Oxfordshire, told the jury that the agreed signal of a whistle was given for Mr Lush to emerge from the box. Nothing happened for up to two minutes, said Mr Bullen, but during the delay nobody shouted to Mr Lush to ask him if anything was wrong.

It was only when Mr David Nicholson, the production manager, shouted "Go" that Mr Lush dropped out of the suspended box.

Mr Bullen said that at first the bungee rope seemed to be stretching out behind him. "Then, all of a sudden, it just snaked behind. I knew something had gone wrong. I saw him fall to the ground. I ran over to him but there was nothing I could do."

The jury was shown film of a reconstruction staged at RAF Abingdon, Oxfordshire, with a dummy taking the place of Mr Lush.

In more than a dozen drops using the dummy everything went to plan and the bungee rope pulled up the dummy short of the ground. Several drops were also performed using bundles of sacks which were allowed to plunge to the ground.

Both Mr Nicholson and Mr Paul Matthews, an escapologist whose job it was to train Mr Lush for the stunt, were recalled to the witness box after confusion over which way round the carabina clip was fitted from the bungee rope to an eye bolt.

Each said it had been fitted in a different way, although in his original evidence last week, Mr Nicholson had agreed with Mr Matthew's evidence that the position had been the same.

Mr Nicholson agreed that the position of the clip might be "fundamental" to the case.

The hearing continues.

Guidelines issued on timeshare trap

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Government yesterday issued guidelines on timesharing to warn potential owners against being trapped into buying something they do not want or cannot afford.

The move was prompted by recent reports about persistent high-pressure selling of timeshare contracts both in Britain and abroad, particularly in Spain and Portugal.

The leaflet, *Your Place in the Sun*, drawn up after talks with the main timeshare organizations, gives a checklist for people considering buying a timeshare, which is a share for a week or more each year in a holiday property.

Mr Michael Howard, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry, said that consumers should not rush into buying anything without making a few commonsense checks.

The leaflet advises: sign nothing at the first meeting with the salesman unless you have a written promise of a reasonable "cooling off" period.

Pay nothing at that stage unless you are certain about the deal.

Beware of pressure selling backed up by discounts or gifts designed to make you buy in a hurry.

Insist on full details of the terms in writing, read them carefully and take independent advice before making up your mind.

The potential buyer is urged to consult a solicitor before signing any contract, and to ask about details such as the maintenance charges and management scheme.

The DTI points out that timeshare is not an investment in the same way as a permanent home, and says: "Be especially careful if you are approached while on holiday. Don't get carried away with the exciting holiday atmosphere and don't sign something which you wouldn't be happy signing at home."

Timeshare organizations welcomed the leaflet. The Timeshare Developers Group, which represents six leading British timeshare developers, said: "The DTI is offering sensible advice, whilst at the same time highlighting the flexibility, the variety and the long-term benefits of this type of holiday investment."

'Everyone was enjoying Cynthia's sex party'

Police who found couples having sex when they raided Cynthia Payne's house were told by the hostess: "It's a party. Everybody is having fun," a court heard was told yesterday.

Police took Mrs Payne on a tour of the house and asked if she knew what her guests were getting up to.

She is alleged to have told them: "I know, I know. It's a sex party, not a drugs party."

Mrs Payne, aged 53, has pleaded not guilty at Inner London Crown Court to 10 counts of controlling prostitutes.

The offences are alleged to have taken place at her home in Ambleside Avenue, Streatham, south-west London.

Insp Colin White, the officer in charge of the raid in May last year, said that when he challenged Mrs Payne about running a brothel she said: "I am just having a party for some friends."

Insp White said that police took Mrs Payne around each of her six bedrooms.

In one room officers told her they had found a prostitute wearing just a basque and stockings and studded belts having intercourse with a man.

Asked if she knew the woman was having sex with one of her guests for money, Mrs Payne is alleged to have said: "She's a big girl as you can see."

The case continues today.

The Director of the Tate Gallery, Mr Alan Bowness (left) launching a public appeal yesterday for funds to acquire Constable's *The Opening of Waterloo Bridge*, regarded as one of the great masterpieces of British painting. The oil on canvas, a seven-foot wide panorama of the Thames from Whitehall to St Paul's, is on offer to the gallery from a private collection at slightly less than £3 million. Contributions and pledges have been received from the trustees and heritage organizations, but a further £600,000 is required. The work was exhibited at the Royal Academy in 1832, 15 years after the bridge was opened by the Prince Regent. With Mr Bowness are Lord Charteris, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund (centre) and Mr Richard Rogers, chairman of the gallery's trustees. (Photograph: Stephen Markeson).

Dog called as witness by author

Richard Adams, the author of *Watership Down*, called his border collie dog Tetter as a witness when he appeared before an industrial tribunal in Southampton yesterday.

He also told how a frightening encounter with an angry gamekeeper had given him nightmares for the past 15 months.

He was giving evidence against Mr David Hunt, a head gamekeeper employed by Captain Andrew Wills, of the tobacco family, on his estate at Middleton near Whitchurch, Hampshire.

The author told the hearing that he and Tetter were on a public footpath near Whitchurch — close to the area on which he based his book on rabbits - when Mr Hunt confronted him.

"I have knocked around the world a bit, but I have never heard language like it. He was beside himself with rage. His words were a celebration of filth."

Mr Adams said that Mr Hunt shouted: "You wrote that poxy book about rabbits."

"He was angry because my dog was not on a lead. Then he put his gun to his shoulder and fired at Tetter. I thought he had shot my dog dead."

The dog was not hit. But then, Mr Adams said, the gamekeeper reloaded and said that he would shoot it if he did not put her on a lead.

Mr Adams, cross-examined by Mr Malcolm Harper, for Mr Hunt, said: "I like keepers and have mixed with them all my life. I wish you could have had my dreams about this encounter for the past 15 months."

Mr Adams then received permission to call Tetter as a witness, to demonstrate her obedience. The dog bounded into the tribunal room, but sat instantly when commanded by her owner.

The case was brought by Mr David Claridge, a gamekeeper and former assistant to Mr Hunt, who was sueing Capt Wills for constructive dismissal. He claimed that Mr Hunt's outbursts so alarmed him that he was forced to resign. He called Mr Adams as a witness to the temper of Mr Hunt.

Mr Hunt said that Mr Adams's dog had scattered the pheasants he had reared from chicks for shooting, and said that he asked politely three times for her to be put on a lead before swearing.

"He just put his nose in the air and carried on walking. I formed the view that he was a right little pompous so and so," he told the tribunal.

The case was withdrawn by Mr Claridge after he accepted a settlement of £2000.

Proposed housing law changes

New deal in tenant disputes

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Radical proposals to enable landlords and tenants to settle housing disputes quickly, cheaply and simply, outside the formal courts system, were outlined in a consultation paper published by the Lord Chancellor and the Minister of Housing yesterday.

Simple disputes between landlord and tenant over housing rights, such as repairs, improvements or service charges would be dealt with by a new informal small claims procedure with people representing themselves.

This new procedure, called a "housing action", would take a large number of disputes out of the present formal court system.

Currently 1,500 such disputes are handled by the courts a year but it is estimated that many more people would pursue cases if not deterred by the high costs and formality of court proceedings.

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Chancellor, said: "We are not altering the balance of power between landlord and tenant, or taking sides. The proposals are aimed at improving procedures."

He said a small claims procedure, which would involve a private hearing like all such arbitration, would be more informal that the present court system, with the registrar acting as the arbitrator.

Where the issues were too complex for the new procedure, and legal representation was needed, the dispute could still be switched to the county court for a full formal hearing.

The paper also proposes a new "arrears action" for tackling back claims for rent, to replace the present procedure under which landlords seek possession orders.

Yesterday Mr John Patten, housing minister, said that at present local councils evoked the "full blown court procedure", seeking eviction orders just to extract a few hundred pounds from tenants.

Instead the consultation paper suggests such claims be dealt with like other debts, which can be brought to judgement without a hearing.

Only if the tenant or possibly the mortgagor does not keep up the payments ordered would the case proceed to a court hearing to decide if eviction is reasonable.

The consultation paper rejects the idea of a new Housing Court to deal with all housing disputes. The work of the county courts and the rent assessment committees is too diverse to be brought under one roof.

Yesterday the Law Centres Federation welcomed the paper as "the most comprehensive review" of housing law for more than a century.

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Grade hits at 'anti-BBC campaign'

Mr Michael Grade, BBC television chief, yesterday accused some of the corporation's critics of being part of a "calculated campaign to undermine and weaken the BBC for commercial and political reasons".

The director of programmes and controller of BBC1 warned that "relentless hostility" would do serious damage to programmes and he accused critics, frim both newspapers and "local politicians", of cynicism and arrogance. "They show conspicuously little faith in the good sense of the British public, and they seem mesmerized by a view of television which acribes to it dangerous powers which people in the street know to be imaginary," Mr Grade said at a Newspaper Press Fund charity lunch in Glasgow.

Some Fleet Street attacks were part of a campaign to undermine the corporation, he claimed.

Mr Grade said: "Many of our critics . . . discern a media conspiracy within any issue which currently obsesses them.

"Recent opinion polls show that around 80 per cent of the public think we are doing a decent, unbiased job. Of the other 20 per cent, half think we are a bunch of Communists and the other half think we are a bunch of fascists," he said.

Guard cleared of injuring CND leader

A security guard was cleared yesterday of ripping the finger off a member of CND's national council as she was hauled from a spiked fence.

Mr Dyfrig Nicholas, aged 32, of Gellinedd, Pontardawe, West Glamorgan, had denied at Swansea Crown Court causing grievous bodily harm to Miss Sue Pitman, aged 33, of Crescent Lane, Clapham, London.

The jury was told that Miss Pitman, peace officer for Lambeth borough council, had the little finger on her left hand "ripped off" as she was hanging on to a 12 ft security fence surrounding the site of Carmarthen district council's emergency control centre in Dyfed.

Mr Nicholas said he tried to help her as she fell.

The incident happened during a CND protest at the site known locally as the 'bunker'.

Home Office 'sent pop star for treatment'

An unidentified pop musician received treatment for heroin addiction in July last year, from a doctor accused of "irresponsibly" supplying the heroin substitute methadone, a disciplinary hearing of the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Dr Ann Dally said that she treated the performer at her private clinic in Harley Street, central London, because she had been asked to do so by a Home Office official.

Dr Dally denies two charges of "irresponsibly" supplying methadone to addicts in return for a £30 consultation fee between 1983 and 1986. It is alleged some of her patients sold methadone to finance their treatment.

She told the hearing she believed her patients could pay for treatment without resorting to dishonesty.

The hearing continues

Portfolio —Gold—

Mozartian touch to the day

A lover of classical music celebrated Mozart's birthday yesterday by sharing the Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Bernard Jones, aged 52, of Byron Avenue, Camberley, Surrey, said he had a feeling it would be a special day when he saw in *The Times'* anniversaries column that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born on January 27, 1756.

Mr Jones, technical manager of a packing company, said: "I knew then it was a lucky day for me. I'm a great fan of his music and I regard him as God."

Mr Jones said he had been reading *The Times* for four years but he had only recently started to play Portfolio.

The other joint winner of yesterday's Portfolio gold prize of £4,000 was Mrs Virginia Walker, of Pollywick Road, Wiggington, Hertfordshire.

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Mr Bernard Jones, who was celebrating twice yesterday

George Davis is jailed for theft attempt

George Davis, who was the subject of a campaign in the 1970s after his conviction for a crime it was claimed he did not commit, was jailed yesterday for 18 months with nine months suspended, for an attempted mail train theft.

Southwark Crown Court in London was told that that Davis and a second man, John Gravell, were trapped by police in a train mail van.

Davis, aged 45, of Cotall Street, Poplar, east London, was jailed for 17 years in 1975 for robbery. Following a campaign to free him, he was released in May 1976 by royal prerogative. Yesterday Davis admitted the attempted theft of three mail bags.

Gravell, aged 47, of Throwley Way, Sutton, south London, was convicted of five charges, including theft, attempted theft and attempted wounding with intent to resist arrest. He jailed for a total of 10 years.

Water authority counts the cost of big freeze

The Thames Water Authority is to consider an annual advertising campaign warning of the effects of cold weather in an attempt to avoid the chaos which occurred in the recent spell of sub-zero temperatures.

Authority officials admitted yesterday that the system had been under severe stress during the freeze and thaw, when about 100 water mains burst daily and four service reservoirs were emptied.

The officials said contingency plans for the use of standby pipes and water tankers and public appeals to use water sparingly had worked well. But authority members had decided that a more preventative approach was needed.

They had agreed to consider implementing a media campaign which would be staged every autumn irrespective of winter weather forecasts, the officials said.

Construction of an 80 kilometre circular water tunnel, known as a ring main, beneath London by 1992, is expected to solve the problems caused by high demand.

Mr Roy Watts, chairman of the authority, who suffered burst water pipes at his home at Charlbury, near Oxford, appealed yesterday for greater awareness on practical measures to stop pipes freezing.

He said: "There are a number of things that can be done to minimize the chance of having frozen pipes, but as soon as the cold weather goes everyone forgets about the problem. One shouldn't forget just how cold it was during the recent spell, although perhaps we do have a responsibility to be more persistent in our warnings to customers."

Final estimates of the cost of coping with the extra demand, which was similar to that experienced on the hottest day of a dry summer spell, are still being prepared. Contingency funds will cover the cost, without any rise in water rates.

Kent County Council expects its snow clearance bill for the past two weeks to be about £4 million, excluding the cost of repairs to damaged road surfaces. Surrey County Council estimates its snow bill is likely to be more than £1 million, while East Sussex County Council has already used up more than half of its winter funds allocation. However, ratepayers are unlikely to be asked to foot the bill.

● Proposals for future cold weather payments could leave the elderly worse off than under the present system, according to Age Concern.

The cold weather payments are expected to be replaced by loans from the social fund under the Social Security Act to be implemented in April 1988.

Miss Sally Greengross, deputy director of Age Concern, said in a letter to Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, that the elderly would not know whether they could afford to turn up heating until they knew if they were eligible for a loan.

She said said that unless weekly incomes were increased to take account of full heating needs, the scheme should be altered either to provide mandatory grants from the social fund or weekly payments as a cold weather or winter premium.

Mr Major said yesterday that none of the proposals for 1988 had been finalized. "We will be reviewing how the severe weather payments system works this winter before taking any further decisions."

Fund for girl

An appeal fund was set up yesterday to provide long-term care for Catherine Humphrey, aged 10, who was stabbed at Minster, Kent, 10 days ago.

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PARLIAMENT

Report on crash to stay secret

The report of a board of inquiry set up to investigate last month's accident in Wiltshire, during which a vehicle in a military convoy overturned, was classified and would not be published, Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said during Commons questions.

He assured MPs, some of whom alleged that the convoy had been carrying nuclear weapons, that there had been no danger to the public at any time and that the requirement for changes in procedures would be assessed in the light of careful consideration of the board's findings.

Troops by air

The recent successful completion of the Mount Pleasant airport complex would enable the Falkland Islands to be adequately defended at all times with fewer troops because reinforcements could be brought in quickly, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, said during Commons questions.

Kent's oath

The Duke of Kent took the oath of allegiance in the House of Lords today in readiness for escorting Prince Andrew on February 11 when he is introduced as the Duke of York. The Duke of Gloucester, his other sponsor, took the oath immediately after the general election in 1983.

Tunnel choice

Lord Ampthill, deputy chairman of committees, is to be asked to chair the Lords select committee on the Channel Tunnel Bill, which will decide the fate of the project this summer.

Phone thanks

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, expressed her thanks during question time in the Commons to those employees of British Telecom who were keeping the telephone network going during the strike by members of the National Communications Union and maintaining emergency services.

Wapping rule

All vehicles leaving the News International plant at Wapping in east London are required to observe road traffic regulations, Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a written response to a call from Mr Peter Shore (Bethnal Green and Stepney, Lab) for a report from the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police into whether TNT lorries were allowed to disregard speed limits and traffic lights.

Rates Bill

The Local Government Finance Bill, which validates the system of rate-support grant given to local authorities, was read the third time early on Tuesday morning by 233 votes to 165 — Government majority, 68. The system had been found to be illegal.

Nimrod cash

During Commons questions on defence procurement expenditure, Mr Robert Jones (West Hertfordshire, C) asked if ministers were satisfied that the proportion attributed to Nimrod was spent on Nimrod and not siphoned off to spend on other projects by GEC.

Mr Archie Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement: I would have to have notice of a question like that.

Defence aid

More than 90 per cent of the Ministry of Defence's gross equipment expenditure of about £8.5 billion in the financial year 1985-86 was spent with British companies or on collaborative projects from which United Kingdom industry benefited as a participant, Mr Archibald Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said in a written reply.

Thatcher is accused of complacency and frenzy

ZIRCON PROJECT

The Prime Minister was accused of four months of complacency followed by four days of frenzy when she and Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, confronted each other on the question of the unscreened BBC programme about the Zircon project.

The Prime Minister said that Mr Kinnock's strictures should be directed at the *New Statesman*, which had published the information.

At the end of the exchanges, Mr Robin Cook (Livingston, Lab) said that the police had removed correspondence between Mr Duncan Campbell, maker of the programme and author of an article in the *New Statesman*, and a senior minister in the Government. He demanded that the House be told the name of that minister, who was said to have been willing to appear in "one of the programmes".

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said it was now publicly clear from the Prime Minister's own answer to Mr Dale Campbell-Savours that the Government knew in October of the intention to include specific material on a secret defence project in a BBC programme.

Could she explain the contrast between four months of complacency and four days of activity last week, seeking injunctions, sending solicitors' letters, threatening newspaper editors and sending police into magazine offices? Why so casual for so long and so frenzied so late?

Mrs Thatcher said that in October 1986 the Government had learnt of the BBC's intention to show specific material about a secret defence project. Discussions took place between the Government and the BBC which later decided as a result of those discussions not to show the material. So the discussions were successful.

Mr Kinnock: Does she really hope to convince the country that a chat with the BBC was a sufficient way to safeguard national security (Conservative protests).

Does she not agree that if a national security secret is worth having, it is worth keeping and required action properly in October to see that it was kept. Her action last week have been produced by lateness, clumsiness and vindictiveness.

Mrs Thatcher said the discussions with the BBC were successful. The BBC had decided not to show the film. She was advised that no injuction could be obtained without evidence against the *New Stateman* that would have satisfied a judge that there was a significant risk of the *New Statesman* publishing material on the project. Perhaps Mr Kinnock should direct his strictures against the *New Statesman* and Mr Duncan Campbell.

Mr Kinnock said the *New Statesman* did not even come into it. The Prime Minister knew that there was likely to be published material jeopardizing national security. Would she say why there was complacency for four months and such frenzy for four days?

Mrs Maragaret Thatcher said that, as a result of the action the Government took, the BBC did not show that film. She was advised that no injunction would have been obtained without evidence that would have satisfied a judge that there was a significant risk of the *New Statesman* publishing material on the project.

"I think he should direct his strictures at left-wing organs like the *New Statesman*."

Sir Marcus Fox (Shipley, C) said the Prime Minister should reconsider the practice of consulting the Leader of the Opposition on security matters. Duncan Campbell was an adviser to the Labour Party on security and defence matters.

Mrs Thatcher said that was not a matter for her.

Mr Frank Haynes (Ashfield, Lab), referring to the Zircon project, said the House and the nation outside wanted to know who arranged the initial botching and who then arranged the bullying.

Mrs Thatcher thought people outside the House would be very critical of those who used national defence secrets for their own personal gain.

Mr Robin Cook (Livingston, Lab) said yesterday the police had removed correspondence between Duncan Campbell and a very senior member of the Government which made clear that that person supplied information for the series, *The Secret Society*, met Duncan Campbell to discuss it and was willing to appear in one of the programmes.

In view of her strictures on Duncan Campbell and the *New Statesman*, did she not think the House was entitled to know the name of that senior member of her Government and why such different attitudes were being taken to both?

Mrs Thatcher said any information obtained by the police was a matter for them and for the prosecuting authorities.

Mr Roland Boyes (Houghton and Washington, Lab) said the Government had bungled the matter and the *Guardian* editorial was right to say the Prime Minister was now trying to cover her embarrasment by increasingly dubious and reckless means.

Mrs Thatcher said the Government's action had prevented the showing of the film because the BBC agreed not to show it. Trouble had arisen because of left-wing organs like the *New Statesman* and people anxious to obtain national secrets in order to sell them for personal gain or personal notoriety.

Mrs Ann Clwyd (Cynon Valley, Lab) said information about satellites had appeared in a book published several years ago and it was far more detailed than anything revealed by Duncan Campbell either in his film or his article. Why had the Prime Minister decided not to prosecute the authors of that book?

Mrs Thatcher said that was a matter for the prosecuting authorities and not for politicians. One breach or threatened breach would not justify a further breach.

Bill is introduced to help pensioners

Mr Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North, Lab) was given leave under the 10-minute rule procedure to bring in the Pensioners' Right to Fuel and Communications Bill, which would ensure the supply of gas and electricity for pensioner households, abolish standing charges for pensioner consumers for gas, electricity and water, and abolish telephone rentals for pensioners.

What the nation was seeing, he said, was the pauperization of many people in order to make these industries ready for privatization. That was evidenced by the Government's abolition of standing charge rebates for gas and electricity, and deliberate and substantial increases in the price of gas which also meant an increase in levy for the Government.

It was not enough for the Government to hand out £10 over two weeks to pensioner households because the yearly standing charges for gas and electricity came to six times that sum. Bills had to be paid throughout the year.

Other countries treated their elderly far better than did this Government.

While the Bill would not solve all the problems, it represented a small step towards recognizing the plight of the elderly by ensuring the continuous supply of these vital commodities.

The Prime Minister: "Mr Kinnock should turn his strictures against Mr Campbell."

PLO office 'an invitation to terrorists'

HOUSE OF LORDS

The opening of a PLO office in the heart of Kensington in west London was an invitation to turn the streets of London into a battle ground for Middle East terrorism, **Lord Chalfont** (Ind) said during question time in the House of Lords. He had asked what policy the Government was proposing to adopt towards the opening of this independent PLO office.

Lady Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs said: The Palestine Liberation Organization has been represented in London since 1971, until recently sharing an office with the Arab League.

The move of the PLO into its new premises did not require government permission. There is no question of the PLO enjoying any official status, privileges or immunities in this country.

Lord Chalfont: Is it not true that while the PLO occupied premises under the umbrella of the Arab League, it was an unlikely target for Palestinian terrorists?

Now that it has a separate office with the umbrella of the Arab League removed, is it not a much more attractive target for the Abn Nidal group which has been committing murderous terrorist attacks against the PLO over many years?

The siting of this new independent office in a residential section of London lays us open once more to turning quiet London streets into a battle ground of Middle Eastern terrorism.

Lady Young: I appreciate the concern that lies behind the question, but the truth is that no official permission is required to open an office or move to new premises.

It is not a diplomatic or official mission: it does not therefore enjoy any official status or immunities. If the organization breaks the law then of course the Government would not hesitate to act, or if there is any illegal activity.

Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab): How can we allow such an organization in this country?

Lady Young: The Government has made clear on a number of occasions that the PLO is not a terrorist organization as such, although several of its component organizations do have deplorable terrorist records.

The PLO is in fact an umbrella organization expressing the aspirations of thousands of Palestinians to secure their legitimate rights.

Lady Cox (C): The fact this office is vulnerable to terrorist violence makes the particular location unsatisfactory. The rear of the office is only 30 feet from a large primary school and a petrol station is only 30 feet from its front entrance. Local residents are deeply worried.

Lady Young: I take the point, but in moving this office no official permission was required.

Lord Chalfont: Does not the move of this office to the middle of London provide a catalyst for terrorist activity?

Lady Young: I understand the concern expressed, but this is not a move that required official permission. As for the house being described as an armed fortress, that is a question of alterations to the structure and a matter for the local borough planning regulations.

Babcock Thorn wins Rosyth Dockyard contract, Younger tells Commons

Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, announced in a Commons statement that a contract was to be signed with Babcock Thorn for the future operation of Rosyth Dockyard from April 6 for a period of seven years.

The trade unions, he said, continued to favour in their discussions with ministers the option involving minimum change, that with the dockyards remaining within the Civil Service under a system of trading funds.

"I have considered very carefully what the unions have said and explained to them why, in the Government's view, a dockyard trading fund is unlikely to secure either the improvements in efficiency we seek for the Royal Navy and the dockyards or to compete as successfully as a commercial company for commercial and naval work."

He had invited the trade unions to meet him on the subject of Devonport Dockyard on February 13 so that he could hear their views on his announcement last week that Devonport Management Ltd was the preferred contractor for Devonport. Only when he had carefully considered such views would he take a final decision on its operation.

DEFENCE

Mr Martin O'Neill, an Opposition spokesman on defence, said that since 1985 nothing had been changed as a result of consultations with the trade unions. Mr Younger's dismissal of trading funds was a gross over-simplification of the unions's case for that option. The unions were prepared for a wide range of changes and sought to co-operate with management in improving efficiency and cost saving.

Mr Younger had rushed into the contract in order to get Babcock Thorn into Rosyth as quickly as possible.

"This sham of consultation will exacerbate the resentment at Rosyth at the proposed loss of 5,000 jobs."

The new management was going in to do the Government's dirty work.

He asked him to look at the revelations which had come to light about the penalties which Brown and Root [being considered for the Devonport management] had had to pay in respect of poor quality work in major contracts. He asked that the minister should examine seriously newspaper revelations about that firm's connections with Libya.

Mr Younger: The trade unions have made clear that there is a considerable area of agreement between them and us. They thoroughly agree that the present system has to be changed and they are prepared to co-operate in agreeing which changes are best, but their view is still that the trading fund is the best option.

I was in a position on December 4 to sign the contract with Babcock Thorn but held back to secure the maximum opportunity to consult everyone concerned before making a decision.

There was no connection between Brown and Root's other operations and those at Devonport.

"I expect that with commercial management the likely loss of jobs will be no greater, and possibly somewhat less, than on any other option. Under any form of organization, even a trading fund or a Government-owned plc, there is no altering the fact that the likely workload in the years to come will mean some loss of jobs.

"The only real threat to a substantial number of jobs would be the cancellation of Trident which would immediately put at risk the jobs of 2,000 of those at Rosyth."

***Mr Gordon Brown* (Dunfermline East, Lab): Will he confirm that this decision would be taken in no other comparable country, including America? It has been accurately described by an official as a high-risk option.**

Later, Mr Younger said: The future control of any security matter will be as secure as it is today.

Minister transfers contract

A small contract which a subsidiary of Electronic Data Systems used to have to provide computer bureau services to the RAF has been transferred to another company with which the Government has no reason to believe EDS has any interest, **Mr Archie Hamilton**, Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement, said when the company was criticized by a Labour MP during Commons questions for abuse of British immigration rules.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab): In the light of the documentary evidence I sent to the Home Secretary and Minister of State for the Treasury, that EDS attempted to abuse the immigration rules of this country, can we have an assurance that the Ministry of Defence will not consider EDS for major data contracts which could have a value at the end of the day greater than that of Awacs?

Mr Hamilton: It is for the Home Secretary to decide whether an offence has been committed and we will await advice from the Home Office.

'Threat to employment'

Trident costs estimate £546m down

The revised estimate for Trident nuclear missile system was now £9,265 million, representing a real reduction in the estimate over last year of £546 million, **Mr George Younger**, Secretary of State for Defence, said during Commons questions.

He emphasized the job losses which would occur if Labour were ever able to put its "destructive" non-nuclear defence policies into operation.

Mr Younger told MPs that the revised estimate for Trident was at average 1986-87 prices. In line with convention, the estimate was based on the average exchange rate applicable in June 1986, £1 = $1.50.

The UK share of the revised estimate was 62 per cent, its highest recorded level. The estimated reduction of £546 milion came after allowing for the effects of inflation and exchange rate variations.

It had been assessed that on average the programme would provide 7,500 direct and 6,000 indirect jobs over the procurement period, rising to 15,000 direct and 12,000 indirect jobs in the peak years.

The project remained on programme to enter service as planned in the mid-1990s. There had not been any slippage in the in-service date since the decision to proceed with Trident II was announced in March 1982.

Mr Derek Spencer (Leicester South, C) suggested that if they accepted the Labour Party's advice and spent the money on conventional weapons rather than Trident, they would get only 1.1 armoured divisions, still leaving the Russians with a massive two to one superiority.

Mr Younger agreed. But he was not sure if it would be 1.1 armoured divisions or one. But he was wholly in sympathy with the theory that such an armoured division would outweigh the loss of the Trident deterrent, a vital part of defence.

He said later that the expected cost of Trident in its life would average out at 3 per cent of the defence budget or 6 per cent of the procurement budget.

Mr Denzil Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said most of the reduction was brought about because the exchange rate of the pound against the dollar was temporarily fairly favourable. But the exchange rate could go the other way.

The cost of Trident would be borne by Britain's non-nuclear defence forces. What was the point of spending money on what was chillingly called a weapon of last resort when there would not be enough money for weapons of first resort to prevent the war in Europe becoming nuclear?

Mr Younger repeated that the figure of £546 million took account of exchange rate variations.

Spending an equivalent sum to that of Trident on conventional weapons could not begin to replace the deterrent effect of Trident. That was the justification for doing it.

Mr Younger said later that nearly 400,000 United Kingdom jobs had been sustained by the Ministry of Defence's equipment spending in 1984-85. Exports of defence equipment accounted for a further 120,000 jobs.

On Polaris, an estimated 11,000 MoD civilians were employed in maintaining the nuclear deterrent.

Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C) said defence exports reached a record £5 billion in 1986. There would be dismay at Labour's policy to abolish the Defence Export Sales Organization, putting thousands of British jobs at risk.

Mr Younger said that was a valid point. Labour had admitted that its policies would lead inevitably to a major reduction in Britain's current arms sales.

Mr Davies said Mr Younger should not talk about jobs because there were far fewer people working in the defence industries than when this Government came in. Jobs had been lost in ordnance factories, dockyards at Chatham, Devonport and Rosyth.

Mr Younger replied that he could understand that Mr Davies wanted to keep off the subject of the effect on jobs of Labour policy to cancel Trident.

"It would devastate not only the economy of a place such as Barrow but would have devastating effects in the west and east of Scotland and Rosyth and Faslane. Labour will have to answer to many people for these destructive policies."

Baker gets his way on teachers' Bill

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government foiled attempts in the Lords over two days to weaken Mr Kenneth Baker's power to impose his own pay and conditions on the long-running teachers' dispute.

With the Secretary of State of Education and Science often watching the committee stage of his Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, Government whips ensured substantial majorities for the most crucial votes.

They were greatly helped by the backing in the division lobbies of many Independent peers, who had held a rare informal meeting with Mr Baker before the committee stage to air their fears.

The Bill allows Mr Baker to impose his own £608 million settlement on the teachers, with the emphasis going on more money and better promotion prospects for what are considered the better teachers.

It would then set up an interim advisory committee, to be in force at least until 1990, under the direct control of Mr Baker, to negotiate pay and conditions. Mr Baker will be in charge of its membership and will not be bound by its recommendations.

In the Lords, Labour's plan for a national joint council, to replace the advisory committee, stumbled on the abstention of the Alliance peers. They lost their vote by 148 votes to 75 — government majority 73.

The plan, backed by six teachers' unions and the local authority associations, would have set up a 57-member council to replace the Burnham committee. It gave Mr Baker 15 votes and two places and the National Union of Teachers, 13 places.

Many peers do not like the idea of the advisory committee and said it would not solve the problem of disruption in the schools. But they felt that Labour's plan simply replaced Burnham with another Burnham-type committee which would fail to reach agreement.

Committee in dispute

Steel demands resignation

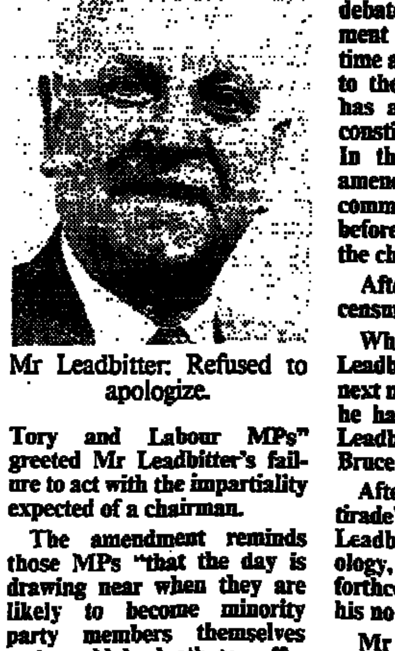
By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, has taken the almost unprecedented step of tabling a motion of no confidence in the Labour chairman of a Commons standing committee and of calling for his resignation from the chairmens panel.

Mr Steel acted after the refusal of Mr Ted Leadbitter, MP for Hartlepool, to apologize for what the Liberal Chief Whip, Mr David Alton, described as his "extraordinary outburst" against the sole Liberal MP on the committee, Mr Malcolm Bruce. The issue is now likely to be debated in the Commons.

More than a hundredLabour and Conservative MPs, including those on the committee, have since rushed to Mr Leadbitter's defence, tabling a counter motion supporting his behaviour.

Last night, however, the dispute was still continuing with the tabling of another Liberal motion which deplored the "complacency and glee" with which "the alliance of Tory and Labour MPs" greeted Mr Leadbitter's failure to act with the impartiality expected of a chairman.



Mr Leadbitter: Refused to apologize.

The amendment reminds those MPs "that the day is drawing near when they are likely to become minority party members themselves and would be loath to suffer this sort of treatment".

The row has its origins in the fact that there are only 19 Liberal MPs and each has to perform more than one role.

Last Tuesday Mr Bruce had to speak in the economics debate as his party's employment spokesman at the same time as moving an amendment to the Petroleum Bill, which has a direct bearing on his constituents, in the committee. In the event he moved the amendment, apologized to the committee for having to leave before the vote, and hurried to the chamber.

After he left, Mr Leadbitter censured Mr Bruce.

When Mr Bruce asked Mr Leadbitter at the committee's next meeting if it was true that he had been reproached, Mr Leadbitter again accused Mr Bruce of discourtesy.

After that "further abusive tirade", Mr Alton wrote to Mr Leadbitter demanding an apology, and when one was not forthcoming Mr Steel tabled his no confidence motion.

Mr Leadbitter stood by his words last night, saying that he had merely responded to committee members who had asked if it was discourteous for Mr Bruce to table an amendment and then leave.

Government to take steps on radioactive gas in houses

ENVIRONMENT

The Government was taking steps to deal with the problems of Radon-222, a naturally occurring radioactive gas, in houses in some areas of the country, **Mr William Waldegrave**, Minister for Environment, Countryside and Planning, said in a Commons statement.

He had been advised by the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) and the Committee on the Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE) that the available evidence strongly suggested that exposure to the gas increased the risk of lung cancer.

The NRPB estimated that there were about 20,000 houses with radon concentrations high enough to give rise to doses of 20 milliSieverts or more and that remedial action should be taken on these in due course. Most were likely to be in Devon and Cornwall.

To identify the houses with the highest levels the Government was funding a substantial survey by the NRPB which would take about two years.

So that people living where radon concentrations might be above or near the action level could find out the radon concentration in their houses, even if they were not within the scope of the survey, the NRPB would be arranging a measurement service at no cost to those concerned.

In the rest of the country the department judged there was no need for special action and measurements would be made only at the expense of those who demanded them. A leaflet was being produced which would be made widely available in areas likely to have radon concentrations. It would give full details of this service

Responsibility for remedial measures in houses must rest with the owner or the landlord in respect of both public and private rented accommodation. The Government was prepared to consider offering financial assistance towards the costs of remedial work to the most needy owner-occupiers.

"For the future, we will make changes to the building regulations aimed at preventing the problem occurring in new houses. We propose to provide guidance on practical measures which builders in particular areas may need to take."

Dr David Clark, chief Opposition spokesman on environmental protection and development, said that the figure of 20 mSv a year as an action level in existing houses was 14 times the average dosage of a worker in a nuclear installation and was 1,000 times the dosage of a chest X-ray. Why was 20 chosen when the figure of 16 was much more acceptable?

There were other parts of the country which suffered from hot spots as Devon and Cornwall did. Why had the minister decided to exclude from the survey people living in the Derbyshire and Yorkshire Pennines which had a high measurement reading?

Mr Waldegrave said it was unworthy of Dr Clark to try to start a scare in Derbyshire. There would be some other parts of the country where the geology made it likely that it might be worth doing a survey. The Government would pay for those surveys.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on an Opposition motion entitled "The failure of the City to serve the nation".

Lords (2.30): Debates on the law relating to charities and on rent controls and homelessness.

Harrow emerges as the country's most successful education authority

New reforms ahead for schools with top marks

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Latest research may well confirm Harrow as England's most prolific education authority when it comes to securing O-level passes, but Mr John Mann, its director of education, has announced that he will still be pressing ahead with reforms.

According to Dr John Gray and Mr David Jesson of Sheffield University, 43.5 per cent of Harrow's fifth formers achieve five passes or more.

Not only is this 16 points above the national average,

Mr John Mann: Harrow's director of education.

but it means that even allowing for a handicapping factor which penalizes local authorities for having a disproportionate share of socially advantaged pupils, Harrow is still top of the form, ahead of 95 other English education authorities.

Mr Mann takes no personal credit for the impressive exam statistics. He has been in his present post for only three years, and, as he points out, there is only one way you can go from the top of the table.

Indeed, his desire to avoid complacency makes him more than prone to emphasize some of Harrow's shortcomings.

A relatively narrow curriculum and early specialization in some schools often confirms gender stereotyping in choice of subject, he said.

"Very few girls take more than a single science for example, and at A-level we have virtually no boys taking a modern language."

So Harrow, in north-west London, is pressing ahead with changes.

Mr John Stanley, headmaster, with some of his pupils at Rooks Heath High School in Harrow, north-west London (Photograph: Graham Wood).

Three of the borough's four sixth-form colleges will be abolished in September. They will be succeeded by tertiary colleges which will include facilities for adult education as well as the 16-19 age bracket.

Preliminary work has also begun on pupil profiling, a system which monitors wider dimensions of school life than simply examination performance.

"Clearly, exam results are a very important kind of success because they have a high market value," Mr Mann said.

"But we are anxious to start recording other successes. The trouble with the exam system is that it's a rather limited representation of what kids have studied."

All parents have been sent a letter from the local authority requesting co-operation for a Schools Language Survey, a project which will record the varied languages which some of Harrow's schoolchildren use in the home.

The letter is available in 10 languages, including Farsi and Punjabi. Mr Mann hopes to use the data to further the borough's multi-cultural educational policies.

Had it happened in the borough of Brent, it might have been listed as another piece of left-wing lunacy. But Harrow is Conservative controlled and will take some dislodging from the top of the examination tree.

The local council embraced comprehensive education fully in 1974. Mr Mann says the message from school exam results is "unequivocal" in this respect: "At the very least they show that being comprehensive does you no harm."

Yet in spite of its academic acumen, Harrow, somewhat surprisingly, is a net exporter of pupils to independent schools (including the illustrious public school) and also to other education authorities.

"It is a crowning irony," Mr Mann said. "Apart from the one in eight that go to the private sector, we lose another 1,350 children to other boroughs. Some go to Barnet, Hertfordshire and Hillingdon.

"Surprisingly, many have gone to Brent although there's fair evidence that that is coming to an end. Parents and children are now migrating from Brent as well as teachers," he said.

Mr John Stanley, headmaster of Rooks Heath High School since September, said that it was an amenable borough in which to work.

Parental support behind the schools appears to be strong and the staffing situation is stable, offering a continuity that makes Harrow the envy of other London boroughs, Mr Stanley said.

But like Mr Mann he too could offer no clear explanation for Harrow's success.

"The danger though, with focusing solely on exam results is that you're saying to the less successful kid, 'you're worthless' if they don't make the grade," he said.

"I want children here to do well academically, but no one must think it's the only criterion. It isn't."

Rules on documents in trials to be relaxed

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government yesterday rejected criticisms that its plans to allow documents to "speak for themselves" in criminal trials will lead to "trials being conducted on paper."

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, said that without the proposed reforms, prosecution of fraud and other serious crime could be frustrated.

He was responding to criticisms of the Government's proposals by the Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, which says that they will lead to "paper trials" with no need to call witnesses.

The plans, contained in the Criminal Justice Bill now before MPs in its committee stage, will in certain cases allow documents to be admitted as evidence without the need for the author to be in court.

At present documents can only be used as evidence of their contents in very limited circumstances. This can involve witnesses coming from abroad just so that a signed cheque can be used in evidence.

In line with recommendations by the Roskill committee on fraud trials, the Government intends to change the rules so that information in documents — which if given orally would not be ruled out as hearsay — can be admitted.

The changes would allow evidence to be taken on commission from abroad, without the witness needing to come to this country to a court hearing.

In his statement yesterday, Mr Mellor said the Bill contained a specific safeguard which ensures that with witness statements and statements made to the police, there is always a presumption that the witness will give evidence in person.

He said: "Fears of evidence which one would expect to be given by witnesses in person instead being presented in the form of written statements are therefore wholly misplaced."

Courts will retain their normal powers and duties to refuse to admit evidence if, for example, it is improperly obtained.

New-look Liverpool Street gets underway

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

British Rail has begun the first stages of rebuilding Liverpool Street station in London, which is due to be completed in 1991.

The £100 million project is being financed from the proceeds of a huge property development, being built on the site of the old Broad Street station by Rosehaugh Stanhope, the developers. The first two phases are already occupied.

Mr Alan Etherington, project director for BR, said the cost of firmly planned developments would be about £600 million. There are plans to develop nearly 3 million sq ft of office space on railway land, including the Broad Street site, and above Liverpool Street station.

Mr Etherington said that the entire scheme would yield a surplus for BR of several hundred million pounds in addition to meeting the cost of rebuilding Liverpool Street.

Part of the development will involve the construction of offices on a raft over several platforms at the station. The raft is due to be completed in September.

Graduate employment

Rosy job prospects for elite

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Job prospects for graduates are apparently better now than at any time in the past five years and graduates are faring better than any other group in the jobs market.

The claims come in a survey published yesterday by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services.

It finds that the proportion of graduates in the workforce is rising and up to 40 per cent of vacancies are open to graduates of any discipline.

Starting salaries in September this year are likely to be 6 per cent higher than they were last year generally and 10 per cent higher in the City. At present the average starting salary is £8,500.

Demand is strongest in the financial sector but there are also shortages of graduates in electronics, business studies, mathematics, computing and chemical and electrical engineering. The association says: "Subjects with a clear numerical content tend to have a better employment rate."

Conversely, the graduates "most likely to require flexibility and persistence in their approach to employment" are arts, social science, chemistry or biology graduates.

A detailed study of the first destinations of the 115,000 men and women who graduated in England and Wales in the summer of 1985 shows that nearly 91 per cent had found a job within six months.

The unemployment rate was highest (about 20 per cent) among polytechnic graduates in history, English and sociology and among university graduates in art and design, psychology and sociology (about 15 per cent).

College chiefs accused of sex discrimination

A teacher training college refused to promote a highly-qualified academic because she was a woman, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The male-dominated management "rigged" job requirements to favour a male applicants and appointed a man Director of School even though he was a more junior member of staff, the tribunal at Gloucester was told.

Dr Sylvia Hucklesby, who claims that she was the victim of sex discrimination, told the hearing that the successful applicant had less experience.

Her qualifications for the post at the College of St Paul and St Mary in Cheltenham included a doctorate in philosophy and a Master of Education degree.

She said she was told by the college principal that the male lecturer had been successful because his background as a primary school headmaster made him a better administrator.

Dr Hucklesby, aged 48, of Beckford, near Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, told the tribunal: "I felt I would have had no difficulty with the administrative side. I was already running a department that was bigger than some of the schools in the college".

The hearing continues.

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WORLD SUMMARY

The Pope tackles world debt crisis

Rome (Reuter) – The Vatican took a unique step yesterday in the global debt crisis, issuing a document saying the West must rescue the Third World from bankruptcy. But it also warned debtor states that rash action by them could endanger the entire financial system.

The long-awaited document on debt was the Vatican's first dedicated exclusively to an economic topic. It said both the industrialized and developing nations were to blame for the debt crisis and must share in solving it. An "ethic of survival" was needed.

"Debt servicing cannot be met at the price of the asphyxiation of a country's economy and no government can morally demand of its people privations incompatible with human dignity," it said. But it served warning that payments defaults would carry the risk of a general crisis.

The document was prepared for the Pope by the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace. It ran to 5,000 words and was called "At the Service of the Human Community: An Ethical Approach to the International Debt Question." The Vatican said the situation called for new forms of international solidarity. Some countries would suffer severe damage if they had to meet all their debt obligations.

Row over Palme case

Stockholm – The investigation into the assassination of Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister, flared into a major political row yesterday with a united opposition demanding a parliamentary inquiry into the unconventional methods of Mr Hans Holmer, the police chief in charge of the case (Christopher Mosey writes).

Mr Ingvar Carlsson, Mr Palme's successor, came under increasing pressure to either demand Mr Holmer's resignation or promote him off the case.

Last night Mr Holmer was in still deeper trouble after two of the three Kurds charged with complicity in the murder of a man at a political meeting in Stockholm in 1985 were freed by a court because of insufficient evidence.

● Former MP dies: Mr Ove Rainer, the former Justice Minister who was forced to resign in November 1983 over a tax-avoidance scandal, has died after a short illness, aged 61.

Meeting rejected

Jerusalem – Mr Mordechai Vanunu, *The Sunday Times* nuclear informant who is awaiting trial for treason and espionage, yesterday refused to meet his girlfriend, Miss Judy Zimmet, under conditions set by prison authorities (Ian Murray writes).

Miss Zimmet said the conditions were that they meet with a screen between them and communicate only by writing letters which would be read beforehand by security personnel. Mr Vanunu is now in the 25th day of a hunger strike.

Chinese takeaway

Hong Kong – Thousands of Chinese people have been deprived of their chance to visit relatives in the People's Republic of China for the lunar new year, as three travel agencies have taken their money and shut up shop without supplying tickets (David Bonavia writes).

The recurrent swindling of naive would-be travellers is a regular event here, where many people will flock to an agency offering bigger discounts on train and air tickets and sea passages, despite the risk of losing their money.

Zimbabwe summit

Harare – Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, arrived in Zimbabwe yesterday for a warm welcome ensured by his country's strong stand against South Africa (Jan Raath writes).

The high point of his four days here will be a summit meeting tomorrow at Victoria Falls where he and his host, Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, will meet the leaders of two other Commonwealth and frontline states, Botswana and Zambia.

There Mr Mulroney will sign an agreement to fund a US$50 million (£33 million) project to link the electrical grid shared by Zimbabwe and Zambia with Botswana, which now receives 40 per cent of its power from South Africa.

Double meaning

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Newspapers in Hong Kong have advised Sir David Wilson, the new Governor, left, to change the Cantonese translation of his name, which comes perilously close to "hyprocrisy to the extent of being dangerous."

A government spokesman said the advice would be conveyed to Sir David when he takes up his post in April.

EEC to tackle muddle of Middle East policy

From Andrew McEwen, Brussels

Europe's muddled state of mind over the Arab-Israel conflict took a step towards clarity yesterday, but it also took several small ones deeper into confusion.

Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, announced that the EEC would try to make up its mind at a special meeting of the 12 foreign ministers next month.

The decision to hold such a conference was a less than welcome legacy of Britain's presidency of the EEC, inherited by Belgium on January 1.

Knowing that the issue exposes the deepest anxieties of the southern members, Belgium had been expected to put it off for as long as possible.

The foreign ministers will focus on Jordan's suggestion that there should be an international conference on the Middle East. The idea has been reluctantly accepted by Israel after extracting an undertaking that nothing decided at the conference should be binding.

Mr Shimon Peres, Israel's Foreign Minister, is conducting a tour apparently designed to encourage European countries to take a lead.

He said yesterday that it was time for Europe to reconsider the Venice Declaration of 1980, which recognized the PLO as the representatives of the Palestinians in peace negotiations. He said it should be updated to reflect the fact that the PLO had ceased to be an effective organization.

Waite's dangerous mission: 'I shan't go on doing it for ever'

Iran arms deal raised the stakes

By Paul Vallely

Terry Waite's unique career as a hostage negotiator began five years ago when he secured the release of four Britons held in Iran after Ayatollah Khomeini's revolution. It marked a new development – the conscious attempt to use the universalities of religion as a common denominator in a world where it was more normally a cause for hatred.

Since then 14 hostages have been freed at the intercession of the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, but at some personal cost.

"You can become too exposed: then you're no good to anyone. I shan't in any case go on doing it for ever: I've got no compulsion to go on and on, and I know I'm not superman," Mr Waite told *The Times* before he left on his latest mission to Beirut.

He made no secret of how wearing his role had been. He found particularly oppressive the publicity that accompanied it. It had become a private burden: "It is a terrible thing not being able to be a normal human being," he once said. He also feared that it could jeopardize his delicate role as a negotiator and even his personal safety.

Mr Waite was disturbed by the recent allegations that he was involved in the American arms deals with Iran over the Beirut hostages. "Obviously it's raised the stakes. Any action I now take is a calculated walk into a minefield. But I'm still the one person who has met the kidnappers face to face: I know their sensitivities.

"I can't allow myself to be deterred. I knew when I embarked on all this that there would be difficulties: these are just more of them. There's no point in being intimidated. Only if I had something to hide would I be put off."

Terry Waite is an Anglican layman. He was educated at the Church Army College in London and afterwards studied in the US, Louvain and Rome.

After working domestically in the Anglican Church he moved in 1968 to become adviser to the first African Archbishop of Uganda. It was there that he first became involved in attempts to free some of those detained in camps.

Eight years in Rome, advising the Catholic Church on its missionary work, gave him good Italian (he already had school French) and fed his taste for travel, for taking church matters around the world instead of contemplating them while sitting at home.

The offer to him from Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, came late in 1979. Since then, Mr Waite has been involved with hostage negotiations almost from the start, always, he insists, in response to specific appeals for help, whether from families or the church.

The qualities of a good negotiator, he told *The Times*, were: "Persistence, intuition, integrity, political neutrality, patience – of course – knowing when to retreat and when to advance and not being too disturbed by being caught in the political or military crossfire."

Beirut university students protesting over Saturday's kidnapping of an Indian and three American professors.

France joins European anti-terrorist pact

Brussels – M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, announced yesterday that his Government will ratify the Council of Europe's anti-terrorism convention, which prevents terrorists from using political motivation as a defence against extradition (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

His speech in Strasbourg to the 21-nation Council was seen as a bold move at a time when West Germany faces a hostage crisis over legal proceedings involving an alleged Lebanese hijacker. The kidnapping of Germans in Beirut has been linked to Washington's application for the man's extradition.

France has not previously ratified the 9-year-old convention because of fears that it would undermine the right of political asylum.

M Chirac's move was seen in the context of his promise to "terrorize the terrorists" responsible for a wave of bombings in Paris last year.

Waite was aware he could be hostage

From Juan Carlos Gumucio
Beirut

Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, was aware that his latest mission in Lebanon faced growing possibilities of disaster when he buttoned his black leather jacket and quietly left the Riviera Hotel one week ago yesterday.

He was driven by Druze bodyguards to an undisclosed location in west Beirut, where it was assumed he would meet intermediaries in his effort to secure the release of Western hostages.

The bodyguards had the delicate mission of bringing Mr Waite to the men running the mysterious Islamic Jihad

Hours before dropping out of sight, Mr Waite appeared convinced that his new round of contacts were often distracted by unexpected and disturbing new factors, such as the arrests of Mr Mohammed Ali Hamadi in Frankfurt, and Mr Bakhir Kodr in Milan.

Mr Hamadi, a Lebanese, is accused of hijacking a TWA jetliner in 1985. Mr Kodr was caught with explosives as he was about to board an aircraft on January 13, one day after Mr Waite arrived in Beirut.

"Some people here in Beirut are going to say: 'Well, the only way to get those people back, or one of them back, is to have some barganing counter.' And I would be a pretty good bargaining counter," he told me in an interview on the Riviera's terrace the afternoon of January 19.

Twenty-four hours later, Mr Waite waved goodbye to his bodyguards and embarked on a mission that has already stirred alarm among Goverments and the Church

'Terrorists' held in California

From Ivor Davis
Los Angeles

US immigration authorities were seeking deportation orders yesterday for seven alleged members of a terrorist wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization who were rounded up early on Monday in three raids on communities around Los Angeles.

The FBI identified Mr Khader Mussa Hamide, aged 32, a Jordanian national, as the alleged leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), a splinter group of the PLO that has claimed credit for several terrorist attacks in Europe. Hamide and his wife, Mrs Julie Nyangugi Mungabh, aged 28, from Kenya, were arrested at their Glendale apartment early on Monday.

However, because of concerns in Washington that the news of the mass arrests might jeopardise the lives of hostages being held in the Middle East, virtually no details of the group's alleged activities in heavily-populated southern California, were revealed. The FBI cancelled a press conference on the arrests and stressed the suspects were all picked up on immigration charges, with no criminal charges planned at present.

The Los Angeles Times yesterday, quoting an FBI source, said the investigation into the group's activities began in March 1986 after the US bombing raids on Libya when George Habash, the Syrian-based leader of the Popular Front, vowed reprisal attacks against the US.

The seven who were arrested, their hands and legs in chains, were brought before a US immigration judge, where they were described as "security risks" by immigration officials who refused to comment further on the case.

Hamide and his wife were held in a Los Angeles jail pending a bail hearing today. The other five were transferred to a prison in San Diego because they were considered to be too dangerous to be held in Los Angeles, according to Mr Gary Silbiger, a lawyer representing the group.

Spanish schools chief bows to talks

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Señor José Maravall, Spain's Education Minister, has agreed under pressure to negotiate today with the leaders of a student protest movement which has disrupted the country's state education system for more than two months.

Madrid was the scene of further demonstrations yesterday by teachers and thousands of secondary school children, a vanguard of the estimated two million who have not had any schooling since before the Christmas holiday.

Several thousand pupils assembled in Puerta del Sol, Madrid's main square, protesting against last Friday's injury to a 14-year-old schoolgirl when national police fired what the authorities called "intimidatory" shots. Four policemen have been suspended.

The schoolchildren chanted slogans calling for the dismissal of Señor José Barrionuevo, the Interior Minister, and Señor Maravall.

Several hundred teachers held a rally outside the Education Ministry to protest that their pay and conditions were inferior to civil servants'.

Señor Maravall's climb-down helped defuse the schoolchildren's protest. But six youths were arrested.

"One day we shall be the ones taking decisions, today we are only beginning" read one of the young demonstrators' banners.

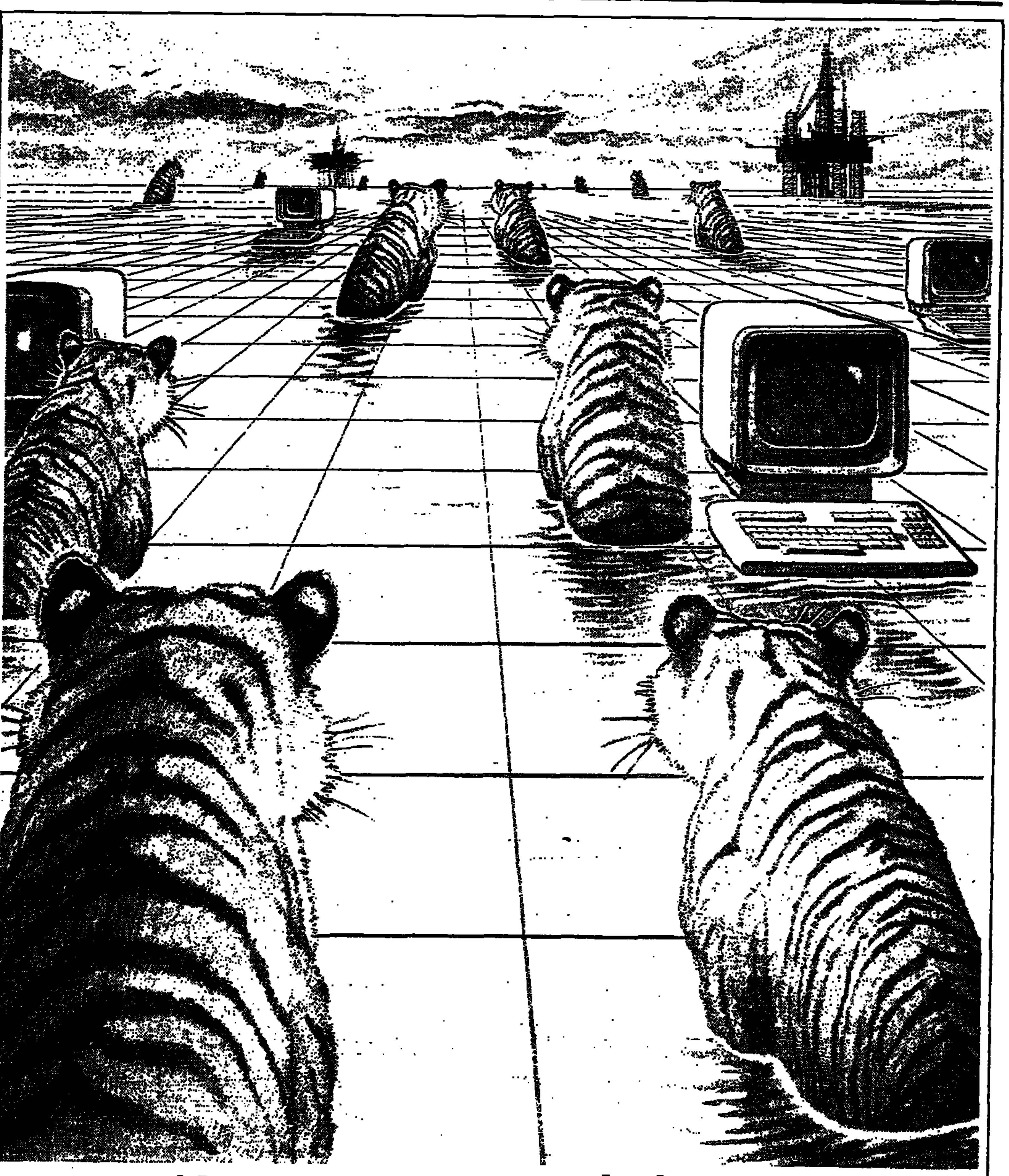
The Government of Señor Felipé González, the Prime Minister, has now publicly conceded the underlying cause of the unrest is the bleak job prospects.

Señor Javier Solana, chief spokesman for the Government, admitted: "Perhaps the Government has lost contact with the streets and real society."

The Education Minister will today be offering a six-point negotiating programme to leaders of school leavers and other students.

The points include upgrading of professional training schemes and more scholarships to help less well-off children.

Señor Maravall has indicated his continued resistance to relaxing entrance conditions.



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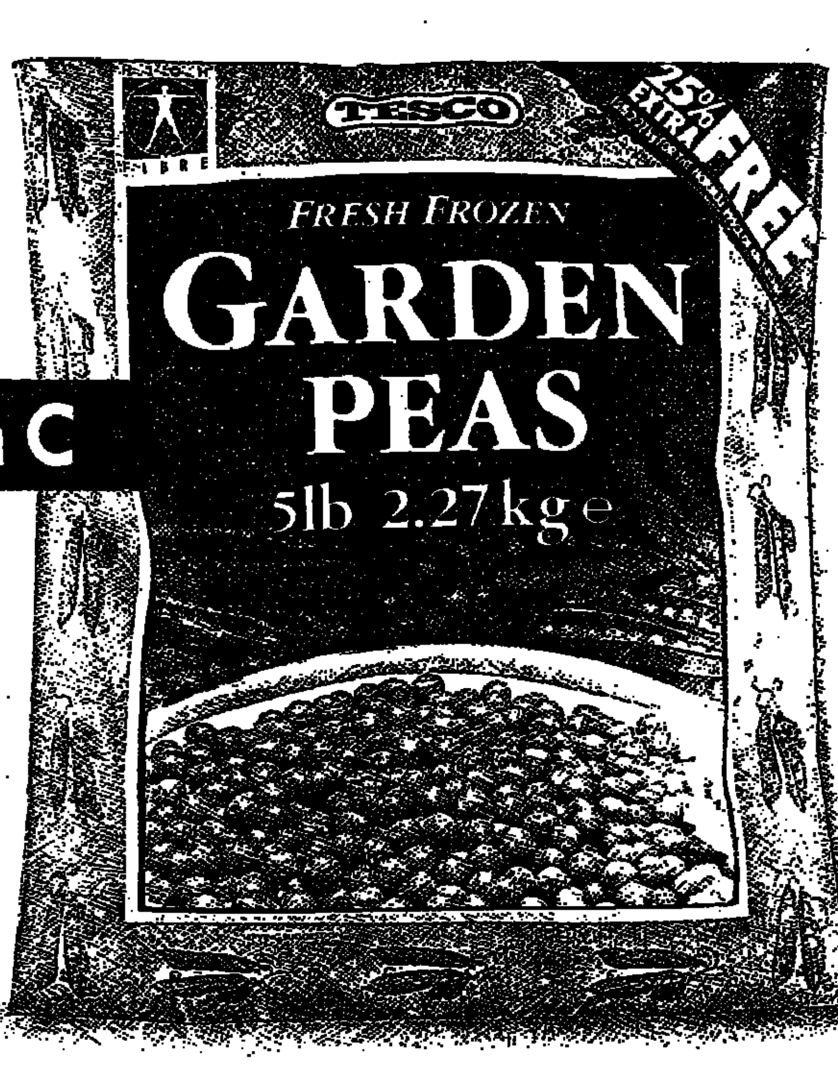

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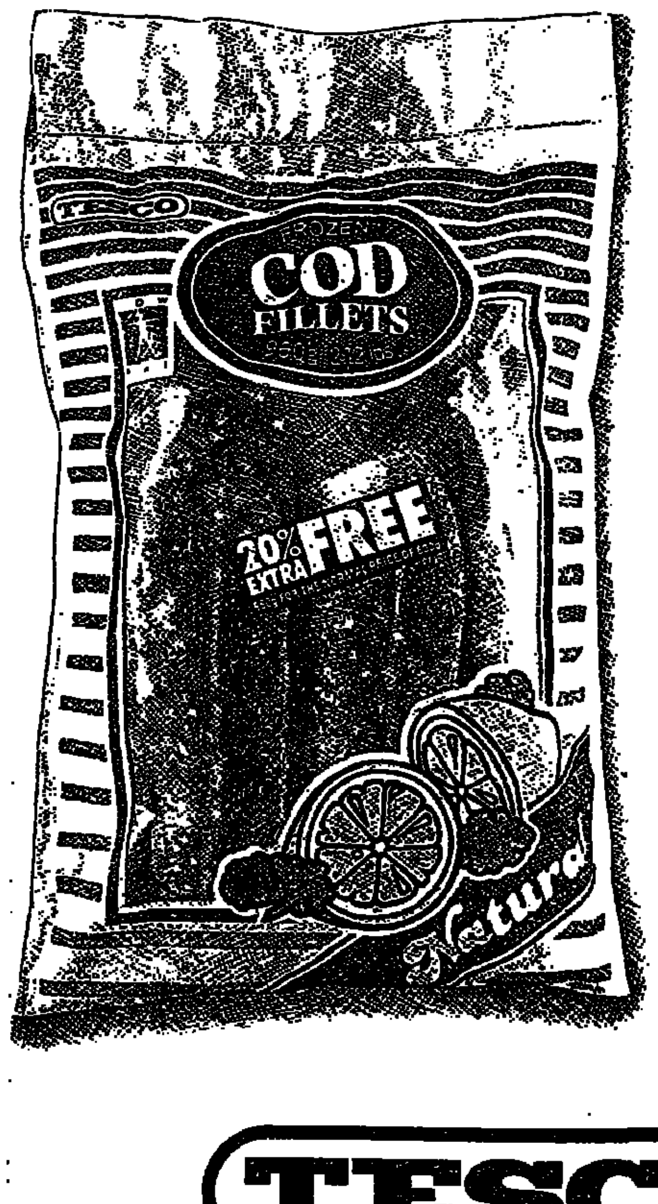

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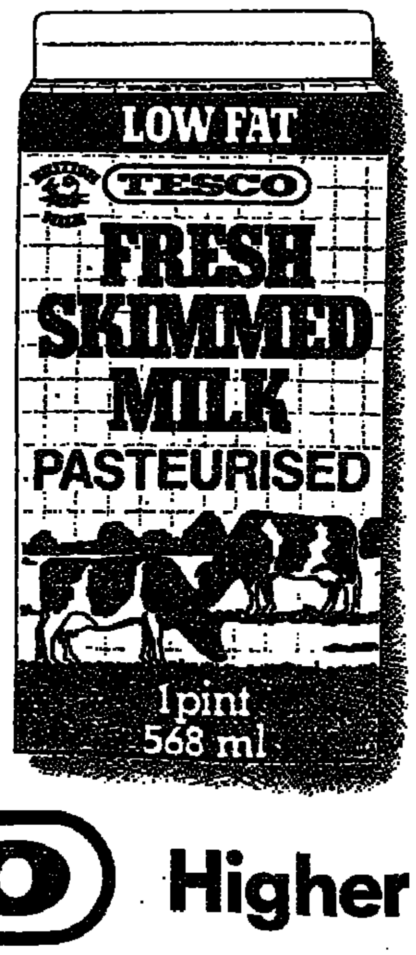

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The wind of change in Russia: ● Leader's candour ● Politburo criticism ● Stalinism blamed

Savage critique of past failures of socialism rips into the Stalin era

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In his marathon speech to the long-delayed session of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov launched a savage criticism of the past failings of Soviet society stretching back to the Stalin era in the 1930s and 1940s.

The speech, which ran to 130 takes on Tass, the official Soviet news agency, was designed to win greater support for his ambitious but slow-moving reform programme by exposing in graphic and self-critical fashion the severe ills in the running of the communist state that it is intended to overcome.

"We see that change for the better is taking place slowly, that the cause of reorganization is more difficult and the problems which have accumulated in society are more deep-rooted than we first thought," the Soviet leader admitted with a candour which was to mark his whole address.

"There is still some misunderstanding in society and in the party of the complexity of the situation in which the country finds itself. Perhaps this also explains questions from some comrades about the measures that are being taken by the Politburo and the Government in the course of the reorganization.

"We are often asked if we are not manoeuvering too sharp a turn."

In a dramatic break with the secrecy which has marked previous gatherings of the 307-strong Central Committee, a full text of Mr Gorbachov's remarks was issued promptly by Tass and the holding of the meeting announced on Moscow's domestic radio.

In addition to the strictures about the country's stagnation and moral degeneration under Brezhnev, Mr Gorbachov – who has been closeted in his country retreat for nearly three weeks preparing his speech – declared for the first time in public that the Soviet Union's massive problems had their roots in the Stalin era.

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet dissident, appealed in a statement to the European Security Conference yesterday for the release of all political prisoners in the Soviet Union and throughout the world (Reuter reports from Vienna). The statement, released as the Vienna follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe resumed after its winter break, was brought to Vienna by US academics who visited Dr Sakharov in Moscow on Monday. "The release of prisoners of conscience in the Soviet Union would demonstrate that the process of liberalization of society is real, genuine."

"The theoretical concepts of socialism remain to a large extent at the level of the 1930s and 1940s, when society was tackling very different tasks," he argued in his blistering denunciation of failings in the 1970s and early 1980s.

"Vigorous debates and creative ideas disappeared from theory and social sciences, while authoritarian evaluations and opinions became unquestionable truths that could only be commented upon."

The picture that he painted of life under Brezhnev was as critical as any likely to appear in a Western evaluation. "The spread of alcohol and drug abuse and a rise in crime became indicators of the decline of social mores," he told the committee members, many of whom had themselves risen to power at the time. "Disregard for laws, report-padding, bribe-taking and encouragement of toadyism and adulation had a deleterious influence on the moral atmosphere of society."

Mr Gorbachov claimed that during the period, the Kremlin had ignored escalating social problems and failed to meet housing, food and other basic requirements of the people. "Day to day practical activity was replaced with rule by decree, a show of efficiency and mountains of paperwork,"he added caustically.

"Real care for people, for the conditions of their life and work and for social well being were often replaced with political flirtation – the mass distribution of awards, titles and prizes. An atmosphere of permissiveness was taking shape and exactingness, discipline and responsibility were declining."

Western observers said that the ferocity of Mr Gorbachov's lengthy denunciation of the past was added evidence of the internal resistance he is now meeting to his reform programme. "The language did not sound as though he was simply preaching to the converted," one diplomat told me.

Mr Gorbachov also alleged that the stagnation of the Brezhnev era had inflicted a serious blow to the creativity of Soviet culture, particularly literature and the arts.

"Stereotypes from capitalist mass culture, with its propagation of vulgarity, primitive tastes and spiritual callousness began to infiltrate Soviet society to an ever larger extent."

The speech was larded throughout with historical references to Lenin, with Mr Gorbachov trying to prove that his programme of sweeping reform was the true descendant of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, rather than the direction which the Soviet Union had followed in subsequent years. "Lenin's ideas of socialism were interpreted simplistically," he argued, "and their theoretical depth and significance were often left emaciated."

The seriousness of last month's nationalistic riots in Kazakhstan was underlined by the repeated references to past failures to put down nationalistic sentiments in the country's 15 constituent republics – some of which were singled out by name for special attack in regard to Communist Party corruption.

In a reference to the activity of local party bodies, he declared angrily: "By no means all these organizations waged a resolute struggle against negative phenomena, permissiveness, mutual protectionism, slackening of discipline and the spread of drunkenness. Departmentalism, parochialism and manifestations of nationalism were not always properly rebuffed."

Mr Gorbachov proceeded to issue a spirited defence of the measures taken since he came to power in March 1985, but emphasized that the process of transformation was only in its initial stage.

"We still have difficulties with trade in foodstuffs and manufactured goods, with urban transport and the utilities, with institutions of public health care and culture," he stated. "In short, we have not yet achieved fundamental changes in the development of the social sphere and remain largely in the power of old approaches."

What Gorbachov said of the former leaders

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Machel jet 'downed by decoy'

Moscow (Reuter) – A senior Soviet civil aviation official said yesterday that sabotage caused the plane crash that killed President Samora Machel of Mozambique last October and suggested South Africa was involved.

Ivan Vasin, Deputy Civil Aviation Minister, told a news conference that the Soviet Tupolev-134 aircraft had been lured off course by false information from a beacon.

The plane, heading for Maputo, turned west instead of east and crashed inside South African territory. Mr Vasin denounced the conclusions of a judicial inquiry in Johannesburg and said Western reports aimed to fan "anti-Soviet hysteria".

A British radar expert ruled out the decoy-beacon theory, saying the plane's Soviet crew had most likely turned their VOR, or Very High Frequency Omni-directional Range, beacon by mistake on a frequency in Swaziland.

But Mr Vasin said tests on flight equipment by experts from the Soviet Union, Mozambique and South Africa proved that the plane's systems were tuned to the VOR frequency of Maputo.

"The equipment showed the crew that the plane was close to the airport," he said. "False information was given to the plane. This can only have come from another false beacon."

Shortly after the crash a Mozambican Boeing 737 was found to be following a false course parallel to that of the Tupolev. Remnants of a camp were found near the crash site.

Mr Vasin ruled out the possibility that alleged sabotage may have been carried out from Maputo airport which, he said, was not equipped with ground navigational devices.

Mr R F "Pik" Botha, South African Foreign Minister, said the claim that the country had installed a false radio beacon was a lie.

China hint of thaw in border row

**From Robert Grieves
Peking**

A slight warming trend in Sino-Soviet relations may become a thaw next month when representatives of both countries meet in Moscow to discuss ways to resolve differences over their common border.

Mr Igor Rogachov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr Qian Qichen, the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister, are scheduled to meet in Moscow on February 9 to discuss areas that straddle the Heilong Jiang River, which separates Manchuria from Siberia.

Moscow and Peking split over ideological differences in the early 1960s. Negotiations resumed last autumn following a seven-year hiatus that occurred in the wake of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Another round of talks is scheduled for April.

At that time Mr Mikhail Kapitsa, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, said that Moscow was willing to make concessions.

During his visit to Peking at the same time, however, Mr Rogachov failed to win concessions on any of the negotiating positions. At the airport on his way home he said: "The issues are impossible to solve at one meeting."

This time around, the Chinese attitude may be different. Chinese Communist Party officials are stressing the primacy of the party above all other spheres of life.

Another key factor is China's relations with the US, which may be deteriorating, according to diplomats here. The student demonstrations that swept China last month appeared to have been inspired in part by American-style democracy.

Some diplomats say that China's leaders are now reacting by turning toward the Soviet Union.

Kenya tourist firms hit by radio licence curbs

From A Correspondent, Nairobi

A surprise order by the Kenya Government revoking all private radio transmission licences with immediate effect has caused consternation among operators of light aircraft and tourist game lodges. Clarification is being sought urgently from the Kenya Posts and Telecommunications Corporation.

At the same time, private airlines and tourist operators have been informed that all airstrips in Samburu district, north of Nairobi, have been temporarily closed. This is preventing light aircraft at the height of the tourist season from ferrying tourists to game lodges in the popular Samburu and Buffalo Springs reserves. Alternative arrangements have been made to transport visitors by road from Isiolo, where another airfield is open.

Light aircraft continue to operate throughout Kenya, but are only communicating with air traffic controllers at Government airports, and no longer speaking to their companies on the ground. Flights to smaller landing fields such as "bush" airstrips are now in doubt, as some pilots have reported seeing some smaller airstrips being ploughed up to prevent landings.

The Government has given no reason forthese restrictions, but some observers here are linking them with a speech made by President Daniel Arap Moi last week, when after reacting angrily to criticism of Kenya by a US Congressman, Mr Harold Wolpe, he accused an unnamed international organization of subversion under the guise of development work in Samburu district.

He said this organization had built an airstrip there and installed a powerful radio transmitter. He added, however, that normal radio equipment for internal communication would still be allowed.

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Court battle over $10,000 child

Baby M trial in US will decide legal future of surrogate motherhood

From Charles Bremner, New York

For the first time since American women began selling their services as surrogate mothers a decade ago, a law court has been asked to rule on the legality of the controversial practice. At the centre of the landmark trial in Hackensack, New Jersey, is a 10-month-old blue-eyed girl known to the courts as Baby M.

The child's natural mother, Mrs Mary Beth Whitehead, 29, has asked the court for custody of the baby she calls Sara although she signed a contract before conception to hand her over to the father for a fee of $10,000 (about £6,500).

On the other side of the bitter legal struggle, the father, Mr William Stern, aged 40, a biochemist, and his wife, a paediatrician, are seeking to hold Mrs Whitehead to the terms of the arrangement under which she was artificially inseminated with his sperm and gave birth to the baby that they call Melissa.

"I'm just a mother who wants her child," Mrs Whitehead said. "I don't care what they do." The Sterns, who spent more than $20,000 (£13,000) tracing the Whiteheads after they fled to Florida, accuse Mrs Whitehead of reneging on a contract that stated she would not "form or attempt to form a parent-child relationship with any child . . . she may give birth to".

Some 500 American babies have been born under similar arrangements over the past 10 years and a few of the mothers have changed their minds like Mrs Whitehead, but the cases were settled outside the courts.

The Baby M trial marks the first time a judge has had to grapple with the tangle of ethical and legal uncertainties that surround the issue and supporters and opponents of "collaborative reproduction" have drawn up battle lines.

For example, New Jersey Catholic Bishops have denounced it as reducing children to a commodity while the Los Angeles Centre of Surrogate Parenting say the case threatens their "legal and political standing". "We are women who enjoy being pregnant," said a spokesman, Miss Jan Sutton. Critics say surrogate contracts amount to baby buying from poor women by well-off couples able to afford the average costs of over $25,000.

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Legal experts say Baby M could even prove relatively simple compared with the nightmarish implications that would be raised by cases involving test tube babies. Last November Los Angeles doctors announced the pregnancy of a surrogate mother who was implanted with a test tube embryo from the sperm and egg of a paying couple.

The New Jersey judge, Mr Harvey Sorkow, heard a first round of evidence earlier this month and the trial reopens next week. He is trying first to decide on the validity of the Baby M contract before tackling the issue of whether or not a mother's rights prevail over those of the father in such a commercial transaction. Although his ruling will affect only one state, it could signal the fate of surrogate agencies that have sprung up across the country to sell mother's services for a profit. According to opinion polls, a strong majority of the public believe that a couple should have the right to pay for a surrogate mother's services.

The Sterns have attracted public sympathy with their obvious attachment to the baby, who lives with them now and meets her natural mother for several hours a month in a state facility. Mrs Stern, 41, has testified that she had been advised against motherhood because she had suffered mild multiple sclerosis.

The couple chose Mrs Whitehead as an apparently ideal mother. She already had two children and had offered her services through a New York agency stating her wish to carry a stranger's child as "the most loving gift of happiness". The Sterns and the Whiteheads met frequently and made plans together for the baby's birth, but relations became strained as the day approached. Mrs Whitehead said emotion overwhelmed her after the birth on March 27. "Seeing her, holding her, it overpowered me. I had no control. I had to keep her."

Mrs Whitehead, a housewife whose husband works as a dustman, has refused to accept the $10,000 fee. The trial is expected to last for weeks or perhaps month.

Guillermo Suarez Mason, the former Argentinian general accused of torture and murder, leaving the Federal Building in San Francisco yesterday after *extradition proceedings*.

Sanctions pressure fails to change Pretoria thinking

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Economic sanctions against South Africa have failed to bring about early political change, and indeed have had the reverse effect, according to a report submitted to the annual plenary session of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC) in Pretoria.

Mr Noel Bruyns, a spokesman for the conference, said yesterday that the report – by a commission on economic pressures set up last year by the SACBC – would now be evaluated by the bishops but no decision would be taken on it at this session, which began on January 20 and is due to end today.

To date, the SACBC has not adopted a clear position on the sanctions issue. In a pastoral letter issued on May 1 1986, the bishops said they believed "economic pressure has been justifiably imposed to end apartheid".

They also expressed concern, however, about the additional suffering such action might cause.

The Catholic Church has been notably more hesitant about supporting calls for economic sanctions than the Anglican Church under the leadership of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who openly advocates both disinvestment and punitive trade sanctions against Pretoria.

"As anticipated, the whole issue of economic pressures has clearly had a totally counter-productive effect on government thinking," the SACBC report says. "The whole sanctions issue has consolidated Government in its retreat from meaningful, and indeed any, reform."

Most whites, it says, are sympathetic to the efforts being made by Pretoria to overcome the effects of sanctions, and less attention is being paid to the issues that led to the imposition of sanctions in the first place.

Sanctions is not the only controversial subject to have come before the plenary session. Many delegates last week were upset when Archbishop Jan Mees, the Apostolic Delegate, apparently with the Pope's authority, urged the clergy to stay out of politics.

This drew a riposte from Archbishop Denis Hurley, the head of the Catholic Church in southern Africa, who said that a distinction had to be drawn between the church's promoting social and political morality and actually becoming involved in the pursuit of power.

"Whenever the Holy Father says to priests and bishops, 'keep out of politics', our friends on the right say, 'there you are, we've told you, stop talking as you do'," he said.

About a dozen Catholic officials, including Father Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, the SACBC's secretary-general, are in prison under South Africa's strict security and emergency laws because of their opposition to apartheid.

About 2,000 people attended a special mass for Father Mkhatshwa in a black township during the session.

According to the 1980 census, the Roman Catholic Church has some 2.3 million members and the largest black African membership of the racially integrated English-speaking churches in South Africa.

45 dead as torrential rains hit São Paulo

São Paulo, Brazil (Reuter) – At least 45 people have been killed and some 6,000 made homeless after torrential rains battered the city.

Heavy rains yesterday hit much of São Paulo state and large areas of the sprawling metropolis, the country's industrial and financial centre, lay under water.

The river Tiete, which runs near one of the city's main highways, burst its banks and hundreds of motorists abandoned their vehicles.

Illicit liquor proves fatal

New Delhi (AP) – Eight people died in Madras in southern India after drinking illicit liquor, and at least 25 other people were being treated in hospitals.

This was the first liquor tragedy since January 1 when the state government imposed partial prohibition in Tamil Nadu state.

Climbed out

Hamburg (Reuter) – A 47-year-old East German metalworker climbed border fortifications near Osterode, in the Harz mountains, and crossed unharmed into West Germany.

Quake death

Algiers (AFP) – An earthquake measuring 5.1 points on the Richter scale left one person dead, seven injured and 923 homeless in the El Abadia region of north-western Algeria.

Born survivor

Brisbane (Reuter) – A newborn baby boy survived for three days attached to the umbilical cord of his mother who died giving birth at home.

Deadly aerial

Dhaka (Reuter) – A Bangladeshi television fan was electrocuted and at least a dozen other people have received electric shocks while trying to rig up makeshift aerials to view programmes on Indian television.

Two executed

Tehran (Reuter) – Two Kurdish rebels were executed in public in the north-western Iranian town of Takab following charges of armed struggle and complicity in murder.

Thais kill Briton in property row

A Thai court has sentenced to death a 60-year-old Thai woman, her son and two other men for conspiring to murder her English son-in-law. But the sentences were reduced to 30 years' jail because the four pleaded guilty (Neil Kelly reports from Bangkok).

The body of David John Law, aged 40, an engineer, was found in a well at Chon Buri, south of Bangkok, 10 days ago. He was beaten to death.

Mr Law married a Thai woman. She was released after questioning.

Mr Law bought a house for £30,000 in his wife's name as foreigners cannot own property. But the court was told that he learned that his wife had been unfaithful, said the marriage was over and that proceeds from the sale of the property must be paid to him.

His mother-in-law, Mrs Somporn Sapprasert, the court heard, promised to pay her son, Som, and two friends to kill Mr Law.

Such crimes are common, according to one lawyer.

"A Thai woman married to a foreigner cannot own property so they must acquire it before marriage. If they break up. . .the property remains hers," the lawyer said.

Afghan ceasefire 'being broken daily'

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

As the ceasefire in Afghanistan comes to the end of its second week, Western diplomats report daily breaches by the rebel Mujahidin, and a growing number of incidents in which the Afghan regime itself is reopening fire.

The diplomats, quoting "a *highly reliable diplomatic* source", say that in the southern city of Kandahar government forces refrained from replying for three days after a hotel complex was subjected to daily rocket attacks. But on January 18 government artillery began pounding known rebel positions.

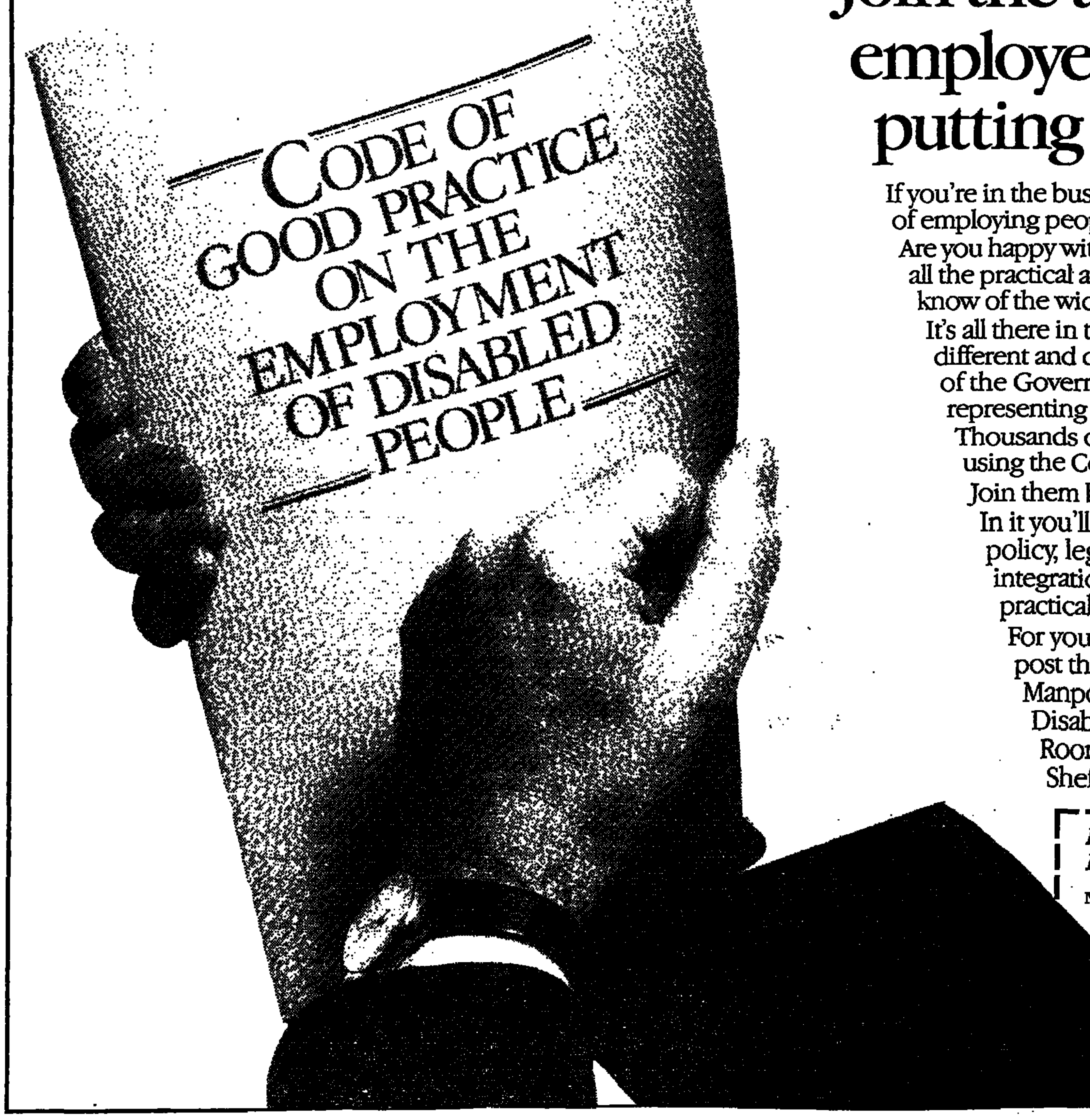
The hotel complex houses the local television station, but nearby buildings also hit by rebel rockets included the area's military and secret police headquarters.

The same source also reported that the day before the ceasefire was to take place Mujahidin rebels who control many of the areas of the town went round calling for a general strike to protest against it. The strike on January 15 was 100 per cent successful.

A Soviet convoy bringing supplies of fuel to the beleaguered city was protected during the ceasfire period by artillery fire aimed at rebel positions along its route.

In Kabul, diplomats also report a number of artillery *firings by government forces*. They also have observed the movements of large quantities of ammunition on open trailers. The movement of munitions is forbidden under the ceasefire terms.

The diplomats also say that claims by the Afghan Government that rebel bands are taking advantage of the offered amnesties are suspect. One embassy reports that an Afghan source in southern Kabul came across a line of 20 buses containing what police described as village militia men from Lalanda. Later the same men were presented on television as Mujahidin who had offered to turn themselves in, and were addressed at a public meeting by Dr Najib, the Afghan leader, the next night.



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Widespread coup attempt defeated in Philippines

Aquino vows tough action against rebel troops

From David Watts
Manila

President Corazon Aquino of the Philippines threatened severe action against some 300 to 400 rebellious troops as the most widespread military insurrection yet against her Government was gradually broken up last night.

As the rebellious troops were still occupying a television station and part of an air base, Mrs Aquino went on television yesterday afternoon to warn those still holding out: "The full force of the law will be applied to everyone, civilians and military, who is implicated in this crime.

"I have ordered their arrest and detention. There is a time for reconciliation and a time for justice and retribution. That time has come."

While General Fidel Ramos, Chief of Staff of the armed forces, tried to play down the significance of what he called disruption by "a very small handful of misguided officers and men", it became clear that a comprehensive operation had been aimed against two army bases in Manila and two air bases.

Some of those involved figured in the July takeover of the Manila Hotel by Mr Arturo Tolentino, President Ferdinand Marcos's running mate in the elections of February 1986. No one was prosecuted after that incident, when some 300 military held the hotel for 48 hours. At least five officers involved in the present incident took part in the earlier attempted coup.

Mrs Aquino said in her statement: "This attempt reflects the inability of some elements both in the military and in the civilian sector to face the fact that civilian government is here to stay and that nothing will derail our effort to establish full constitutional democracy in the coming plebiscite. Let me make myself clear: We shall not treat this like the Manila Hotel incident."

Mrs Aquino has clearly decided that the line must be drawn somewhere if there is not to be a stream of coups and rumours of coups. But by coming down hard on some elements of the military who some would see as idealistic, she risks splitting the armed forces.

A senior Manila judge said he had evidence that political figures had been involved. "It's not just misguided adventurers in the military. There were discussions in certain places with direct links to political figures. I have very detailed evidence with personalities, vehicles and plate numbers."

As darkness fell last night the only unit defying the Government were some 100 men under Colonel Oscar Canlas, and a number of civilians at the Channel 7 broadcasting station, where all water and electricity had been cut off while negotiations on the men's surrender continued.

Colonel Canlas is a disgruntled Air Force officer whose views reflect a widespread opinion of the Aquino Government: that it is moving to the left, is soft on communism and is burdened with incompetent ministers.

Interviewed over the telephone as crowds of Marcos and Aquino supporters threw chunks of pavement at each other outside, Colonel Canlas said: "We are not Marcos loyalists. We are not here because we support Marcos. Please tell that to the people outside. We are here fighting for democracy. We are fighting for our children. . .We are fighting for our rights. We want them free from the clutches of the influence of communism."

Armed troops ringed the roof of the station and a sign erected over a side road said: "Cory Aquino step down. We don't need you. We hate you, go to hell."

Police moved in troops armed with tear gas at lunchtime. Minutes later pandemonium broke out when shooting started from the roof and police drenched the area with tear gas. The police fled the scene even faster than most of the civilians to take cover behind cars and police vehicles. Several people were injured but it was not clear whether by gunfire or flying concrete.

If the soldiers claimed they were not Marcos supporters there was no doubt about views of the civilians outside. "Marcos exercised democracy. He exercised maximum tolerance," said Mrs Auroa Zarrosa, a housewife. "I've heard abroad they are saying that we don't love Marcos, but it's not true. We are waiting for him desperately."

A civilian who escaped from the television station told *The Times* that there had been a telephone conversation with Mr Marcos in exile in Hawaii the previous night, but that he had not been told of the impending coup attempt.

"Things are much worse than they were before. If she is not capable of unifying the country, what's the point," said Mr Berry Martinez, a student of the Ateneo University law school, normally a pro-Aquino university.

"Many crises have erupted again. Events speak for themselves. The National Democratic Front (the Communist grouping) is back in the hills. And there is a crisis of faith in the present Government," he said. "Even if the constitution is ratified, stability will not necessarily ensue."

Supporters of former President Marcos taunting government troops, left, near a television station held by defiant troops in Manila while a rebel soldier inside cheers them on.

Mrs Aquino: has to draw the line against coups.

Cities vie to host Democrat convention

From Christopher Thomas
Atlanta

Atlanta, the sterile boomtown of the South, is campaigning ferociously to bring the Democratic Party's national convention to the city next year. Enormous amounts of time, status and money are at stake.

Houston, which shares Atlanta's distinction of being utterly without character, is the main rival. It is also going to great lengths to lure the Democrats. The Republicans, to the dismay of both cities, decided to go to New Orleans.

Atlanta has one big problem: The Omni can seat only 15,327 people. Houston's George R. Bown Convention Centre, due for completion in September, will be able to handle 20,000. But Houston also has a problem: a strike has cast doubt on the construction schedule.

Key members of the Democratic National Committee will be fêted at a reception at Austin next weekend as part of efforts to get Houston selected. Atlanta is throwing a party in Washington this week in which Mayor Andrew Young, Georgia's congressman and other dignitaries will give the hard-sell to the Democrats.

Mayor Young has mailed a video cassette of himself to every member of the site selection committee, reminding them of the city's commitment to Democrats and the state's almost unblemished Democratic pedigree.

Houston, in contrast, last year elected a Republican governor. And Republicans have won Texas in three of the last four presidential elections.

The Democrats' decision will be announced on February 10.

Shuttle disaster anniversary

Nasa aims to lead space race again

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The twin launch pads stand empty at Cape Canaveral, a sad reminder of the Challenger disaster which tore the heart of America. The three remaining sister shuttles — Columbia, Discovery and Atlantis — sit in their hangars with little to do.

A year after the Challenger — on its 10th mission — exploded in a fireball over the Atlantic, Nasa is still trying to restore its reputation for technical excellence and put together a safer and more cost-effective space programme.

The battered space agency will mark today the first anniversary of the tragedy with a simple memorial service at the Arlington National Cemetery, where the crew of five men and two women, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe, were buried last May near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Challenger lifted off its pad at 11.38 on a freezing morning. But the $1.5 billion shuttle was destroyed 73 seconds into flight when flames leaped through a faulty seal in its 149-ft right-side booster rocket. It took months for a presidential investigating commission to determine what happened in the worst disaster of space flight history.

The cost was incalculable. It abruptly halted Nasa's programme of 23 flights a year by 1990 for launching billions of dollars worth of American and foreign communication satellites and carrying out scientific and medical research.

For the 22,000 Nasa employees across America, the grounding of the remaining orbiters has meant a more cautious and less ambitious space programme than they had hoped for before Challenger took off on the agency's 25th shuttle flight.

But Dr James Fletcher, Nasa's Administrator, is confident that the US will return as the leader in space exploration. Nasa's blueprint, "Space 1995," is due to be ready in the spring. It will include plans for manned bases on the Moon and Mars.

Nasa's goal of resuming shuttle flights early next year is in jeopardy, according to space agency officials (AP reports from Cape Canaveral). Testing of the redesigned booster rocket is behind schedule and the engines will probably have to be test-fired first.

Nasa's near-term plans are:

- ● To launch the next shuttle in February, 1988;
- ● the installing of an astronaut escape system, possibly in time for the next flight;
- ● Pentagon spy satellites and other defence payloads will have highest priority;
- ● Lower priority for putting civilians — like the first journalist — in space on the shuttle;
- ● A new office to attract top scientists and engineers, many of whom left during the low morale period after the Challenger tragedy.

American experts expect the first Soviet manned launch in 1988, about the same time the US returns to shuttle flights.

With the Soviets space competition in mind, Dr Fletcher said last week: "It is unthinkable the US would consider not being Number One in space. We need not be Number One in every detail. Space is a visible sign of how well a country is doing."

Last August 15, President Reagan ordered the building of a fourth shuttle to replace the Challenger, and in a big policy shift also announced that Nasa no longer would launch commercial satellites, except those which have national security or foreign policy implications. He said that private American corporations would become highly competitive in launching commercial satellites by expendable rockets. Nasa would concentrate on deploying military payloads, science and medical programmes and on building a permanently manned space station for research.

Nasa, however, plans to honour 44 existing contracts for deploying commercial communication satellites, 15 of which could be launched by the end of 1992.

The West European Arianne rocket, the only other viable commercial space launch capacity at present, is fully booked for some time. But competition from China and the Soviet Union is expected to grow.

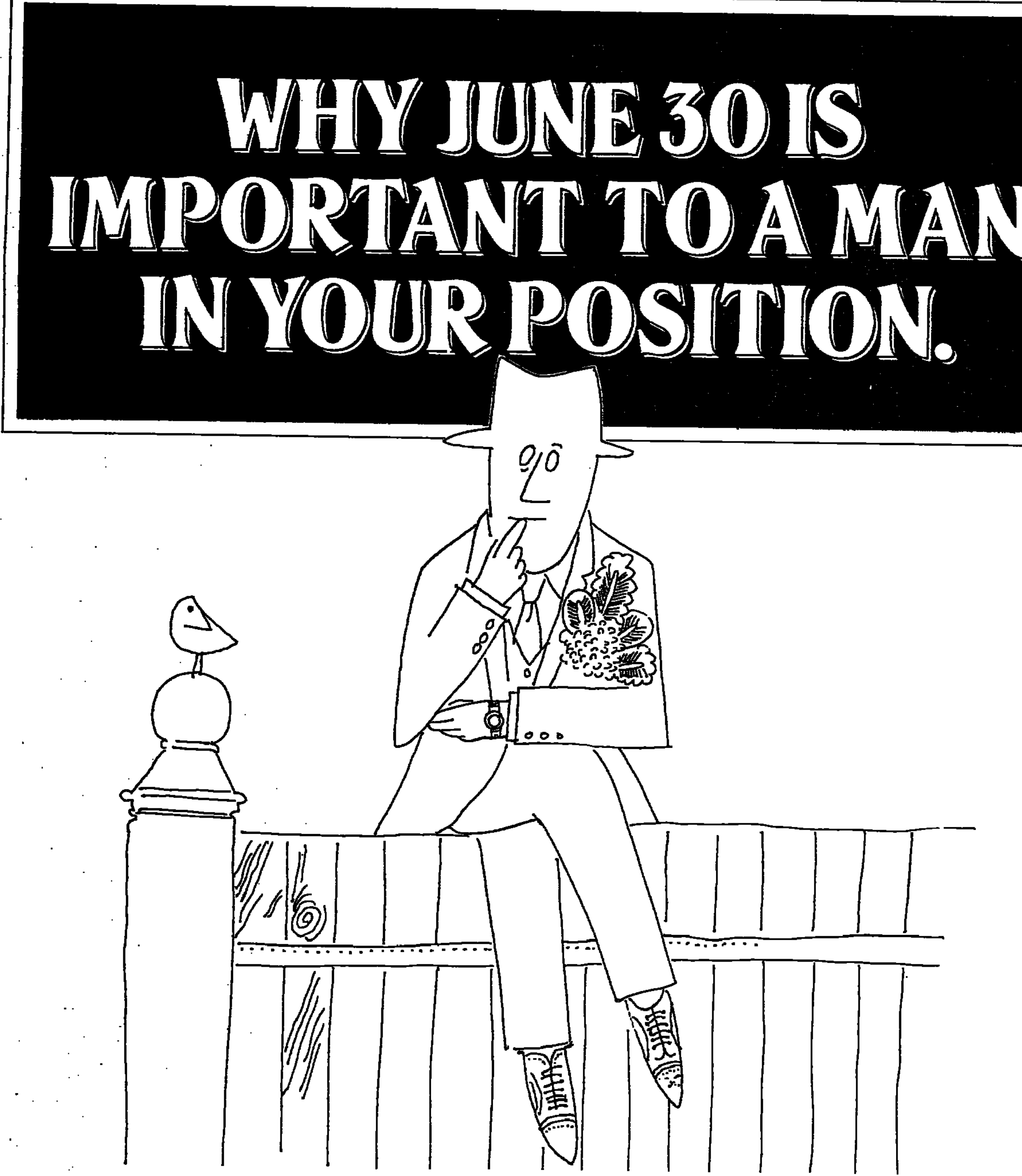
Private American industry also remains keen to exploit commercially the unique environments of space through using the shuttle for medical and scientific experiments.

On an emotional nationwide wave of support for the space programme, President Reagan and Congress have approved building a replacement for the Challenger at a cost of $ 3.2 billion (£2 billion). The Administration has also proposed a new budget of $9.48 billion for the fiscal year beginning on October 1. This is about a $1 billion increase over the previous 12 months.

The new budget includes $767 million for a permanent manned space station, a scheme that would cost at least $8 billion when completed in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, talks are taking place between the 14-nation European Space Agency and the US about a joint space station project.

The Times' coverage of the Challenger tragedy



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APOLLO THEATRE 437 2663 434 3598 First Call 01-240 7200 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 Mon-Fri 8. Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Thurs Mats 3. **PAUL SCOFIELD** "MASTERLEY" F.Times **HOWARD ROLLINS** "MAGNIFICENT" D.Mail I'M NOT RAPPAPORT "Wonderfully funny" D.Exp TONY AWARD BEST PLAY **LAST 4 DAYS**

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO OCT 31 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** S Express

APOLLO, Shaftesbury Ave. 01-437 2663. 434 3598. CC First Call 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999. From Fri 6 Feb for **LIMITED SEASON** PETER BARKWORTH **"A Brilliant actor" D Tel "Brilliant" What's On "Brilliant" Sun Times** in SIEGFRIED SASSOON "Masterly" D Exp. "Remarkable... outstanding" Gdn. "A jewel of acting" Sun Times. "A triumph . something special" D.Tel.

BOULEVARD Soho W1 437 2661. Eves 8pm: Wed 2.30: Sat 5.00. Tckts £3 50 & £7 00. Jim McManus in HANCOCK'S **FINEST HOUR** by Colin Bennett

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** **BARBICAN THEATRE** ton't 7.30. tomor 2.00 & 7 30 **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR** "terrific" Obs. 30 Jan - 3 Feb, final perfs 13-17 Feb **A PENNY FOR A SONG** by John Whiting "beautiful" Punch. Final perfs 4, 5, 20, 21 Feb **MISALLIANCE** by Bernard Shaw **THE PIT** ton't 7.30. tomor 2.00 & 7.30 **THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING** by Arthur Miller. 30 Jan - 3 Feb. final perfs 13-17 Feb **HERESIES** by Deborah Levy.

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 **"A superb acting partnership"** Times **JOHN ALDERTON GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON** THE MAINTENANCE MAN A Comedy by Richard Harris **"A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY"** N of the W "The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail "Very funny indeed" S.Exp Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00. Thu mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 **"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST"** D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company **DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS ANITA GRAHAM JACKI PIPER SAM COX** RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,600 **side-splitting** perfs **"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE"** S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Today 3.00 & 7.30, Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 **SOPHIA!** by Percy Mtwa. Fri, Mon 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7.30 **THREE MEN ON A HORSE**.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845/ 9562. **ALL** tel CC bkgs **FIRST CALL** 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 **NO BOOKING FEE** Grp Sales 930 6123 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 (no bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) **DAVE CLARK'S** TIME **THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE** CLIFF RICHARD AS "THE ROCK STAR" THE PORTRAYAL OF "AKASH" BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15. **SPECIAL CONCESSIONS** at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf. **SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T**

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122/836 9837 24 Hr cc 240 7200 741 9999 379 6433 Eves 8. Thu 3. Sat 5 & 8.30 COMEDY OF THE YEAR **Standard Drama Award 1984** STEPPING OUT Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie **"TRIUMPH ON TAP"** Std THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 379 6433 & CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 Evgs 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8 **NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH**

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) **David Merrick's** 42ND STREET **A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984** voted BEST MUSICAL **STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS** voted BEST MUSICAL **LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD** voted BEST MUSICAL **PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD** Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 **BOOKING NOW UNTIL 1988**

FORTUNE BO/CC 836 2238/9 Agy F.CALL 7day 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123. **FINAL WEEK** **J.R.R. Tolkien's** THE HOBBIT **MUST END SATURDAY** "Spectacular scenes and likeable heroes... imperishable magic" Times Tues - Fri 2.00 & 7.30pm. Sat 2.00. 5.00 & 8.00pm

FORTUNE THEATRE BO/cc 01-836 2238 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc Booking 01-240 7200 (No bkg fee) CCTB 01-741 9999 (No bkg fee) Reduced Price Prevs. Feb 4 & 5 Opens Feb 6 at 8.00pm **FRANCES DE LA TOUR** in LILLIAN by **WILLIAM LUCE** Evgs Tue - Sat 8pm Mats Sat & Sun 3pm Group Sales Box Office 01-930 6123

GARRICK S 01 379 6107. 1st call 24/hr 7 day 240 7200. Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433 OPEN ALL HOURS Eves 7.30. Sat 5 & 8 Mat Tue 3pm JUDI DENCH MICHAEL WILLIAMS "Class of their own" Std MR and MRS NOBODY by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin **"The best comedy to reach the West End this year"** Times **"EVERYBODY MUST SEE THIS NOBODY"** D.Mail

GLOBE 01 437 3667 cc 741 9999 1st Call 240 7200 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 8pm. Sats 5.0 & 8.30 **OBSERVER OLIVIER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT 1986** **GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT** in Lorca's "thrilling" Obs **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA with PATRICIA HAYES as Maria Josefa** **Nuria Espert - Best Director** Standard Drama Awards '86

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). From Fri Eves 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 (Feb 2 at 7) **THE VIEWING** by David Pownall

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr/7 day cc bkgs 240 7200 Ticketmaster 379 6433 OPEN ALL HOURS Eves 8.00 Wed & Sat mats 3.00 **DEREK JACOBI** in **"A Truly Mesmerising Performance"** S.Times BREAKING the CODE by **HUGH WHITEMORE** **Jeanne David Isabel Dean Michael Gough** Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS **"THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY... VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"** S.Times

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL** THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Starring **MICHAEL CRAWFORD** SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by **HAROLD PRINCE** Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now Booking to October. Some Wed mats available. please contact box office for returns

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1550. 01-434 1050. 01-734 5146/7 The National Theatre's acclaimed production of **ALAN AYCKBOURN'S** A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL "Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious..." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed and Sat 3.0. Group Sales 01-930 6123. Reduced price mats Student & OAP Stand-by **First Call 24hr 7 day cc bookings on 01 240 7200 (no booking fee) Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no booking fee)** WINNER OF ALL THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Previews Ton't 7.45. Opens Tomor 7.00. Then Fri 7.45. Sat 2.15 (low price mat) & 7 45 **SCHOOL FOR WIVES** by Moliere. Mon, Tue 7.45 **COMING IN TO LAND.**

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373. 734 8961 (no bkg fee) First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE) Grp Sales 930 6123. Open All Hours 379 6433 THE HIT MUSICAL COMEDY GEORGE HEARN JAMES SMILLIE LA CAGE AUX FOLLES **"...A PALLADIUM ROAR OF APPROVAL"** S.Tel Mon-Fri 7.30. Mats Wed 2.00 Sat 2.30 & 8.00 Stdnt concessions avail. at door Mon-Fri & Sat mats **SEATS AVAILABLE FROM £7.50 LAST WEEK ENDS SAT**

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in **"The Best Thriller for years"** S M THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times **7TH THRILLING YEAR**

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank NATIONAL THEATRE COMPANY See **SEPARATE ENTRIES** under **OLIVIER/LYTTELTON/ COTTESLOE.** Excellent cheap seats days of perfs all theatres from 10 am. **RESTAURANT** (928 2033). **EASY CAR PARK**, Info 633 0880

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OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 1st Call 240 7200 24hr 7 day (bkg fee) The English Shakespeare Co in THE HENRYS **Henry IV Part 1, Henry IV Part 2 & Henry V** Dir. by Michael Bogdanov **"The best thing to have happened to British theatre for years"** D.Tel 16 March - 2 May

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 1st Call 240 7200 24hr 7 day (bkg fee) Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sats 4.00 & 7.45 **MALCOLM McDOWELL MARY STEENBURGEN CHERIE LUNGHI FRANK GRIMES** and **GEOFFREY BURRIDGE** in HOLIDAY a comedy by **Philip Barry** Dir by **LINDSAY ANDERSON** **"AN EXPERT PIECE OF HIGH COMEDY, THE WRITING IS LIKE CHAMPAGNE: FLOWING AND SPARKLING... THE ACTING IS IRRESISTIBLE- ELEGANT WITTY"** Sunday Times **LIMITED SEASON - MUST END 28 FEB - BOOK NOW!**

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Today 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.15 **THE AMERICAN CLOCK** a vaudeville by Arthur Miller Tomor 10.30am, Fri, Mon, Tue 10.30am & 2.00 **THE PIED PIPER.** Thur, Fri, Mon, Tue 7.00 prompt. Sat 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.00 prompt **KING LEAR**

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 First Call 24Hr 7Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches **THE MUSICAL SENSATION** LES MISERABLES **"IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE!"** Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval **BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE.** **Now booking to September**

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days cc Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 CHESS **BEST MUSICAL 1986** Drama Magazine **Now booking to September** MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY

PRINCE OF WALES W1 839 5987 cc Hotline 930 0844/5/6. Grp Sales 930 6123. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Ticketmaster 379 6433 OPEN ALL HOURS First Call 24 hour. 7 day (**NO BOOKING FEE**) 240 7200 'ALLO 'ALLO with the **TV SHOW STARS** **"It's all omes at the café of laughs"** D Exp. Eves 8. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 **MUST END MAY 30TH**

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/1167/ 0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/ 379 6433. Grp Sales 930 6123. **"THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON"** Gdn "A WONDERFUL STAR" Mail MAUREEN LIPMAN in **LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S** WONDERFUL TOWN! "It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5

RIVERSIDE STUDIOS 748 3354 8pm to Jan 31 **Ionesco's new Journeys Among the Dead.** "a level of excellence that bodes well" F.T. B.P. Springboard.

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745 **Jim Cartwright's ROAD is back!** Dir. by Simon Curtis. Eves 8pm. Sat Mats 4pm.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Until 14 Feb, Today & Tue 10.30 & 2.00pm. Tomor, Fri, Sat & Mon 2pm & 6.30 **New Narnia Adventure** THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER by C S Lewis "One of the best children's shows I've ever seen" Evg Sent: "Total delight ... simply magnificent" Evg Gaz. "A Voyage of pure magic" Belfast Evg Tel.

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888. CC 379 6219 836 0479 First Call 24 hr 7 day (no bkg fee) 240 7200 Keith Prowse 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 5 & 8.30, Wed Mat 3pm **PATRICK MACNEE DAVID LANGTON JENNIE LINDEN & LIZ ROBERTSON** in A Mystery Thriller for all the Family KILLING JESSICA Directed by **BRYAN FORBES** **"Ranking with 'Sleuth' for surprise & ingenuity"** D.Mail. **"In the time-honoured manner of an Agatha Christie thriller"** Std. **"THIS SHOW IS A SURE-FIRE WINNER"** Listener **EXTENDED RUN FINISHES THIS SATURDAY!**

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY 01 379 5399 CC 01 379 6433/ 741 9999. First Call 24 hr 240 7200 (bkg fee). Grp Sales 930 6123 Mon-Fri 8. Wed 3. Sat 5.15 & 8.30 THE THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The finest comic talents" (D.Mail) presents **TOM CONTI** "...a performance of cunning expertise, masterly timing and great charm" (S.Times) in AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT with CLIVE DUNN and STRATFORD JOHNS **FINAL 2 WEEKS**

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45, Sat 5.0 and 8.0 **35th year of AGATHA CHRISTIE'S** THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. **First Call 24 hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee)** CABARET **"The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End"** Std Starring WAYNE SLEEP TOYAH WILLCOX Directed & Choreographed by **Gillian Lynne** Mon-Thur 7.30, Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.15 **BOOKING NOW UP TO APRIL '87**

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY** at Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Now booking Cole Porter's brilliant musical comedy **KISS ME KATE** Opens Jan 31 - 7 March. Eves 7.30, Mats Wed, Sat 2.30. With Tim Flavin, Fiona Hendley, Paul Jones and Nichola McAuliffe. Stop - over meal/ ticket package (0789) 67262.

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY "The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail See separate entries under: **CRITERION THEATRE - SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY**

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & CC 834 1317 828 8795 cc 741 9999/379 6433 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 **TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS** HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre Prevs Feb 13 1st Night Feb 25 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC. 836 9987/5645 First call CC. 24 hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 6433 (bkg fee). Evgs 8.0. Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5.0 & 8.30. **JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR** Standard Drama Award **MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON** in **ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play** WOMAN IN MIND **"THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING"** S.Tel **"ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST"** S.Times

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 01 930 7765/ 839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433. 741 9999. Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962 **JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR** The Award Winning Comedy **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT** by Sharman Macdonald Directed by Simon Stokes **"ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS"** Obs Eves 8. Wed mat 3. Sats 5.30 & 8.30

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/379 6433 Open All Hours/ 1st Call 24hr 7 days 240 7200/741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 7.30. Sat mats 3 **LAST THREE WEEKS** **"A performance unparalleled in the West End"** Independent. VANESSA REDGRAVE TOM WILKINSON in The Young Vic production of GHOSTS By Henrik Ibsen Directed by David Thacker **"BRILLIANT PRODUCTION, DON'T MISS"** City Limits

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 CC 379 6433 (All hrs) **TEMBA TH. CO.** presents the hilarious, musical satire **WOZA ALBERT!** Eves 7.30. From Feb 12 - 4 weeks only **BILLIE WHITELAW PATRICK STEWART** in Edward Albee's **WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?** CC also 240 7200 24hr (bkg fee)

YOUNG VIC STUDIO 928 6363 **THE RUDE MECHANICALS** in Goethe's **FAUST** Part 1. Eves 7.15. Wed Mats 2.15

ART GALLERIES

CHRISTOPHER HULL, 17 Motcomb St London SW1. **PATRICK MILLARD**. 1902-1977.

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CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Town Tube 485 2443. **INSPECTEUR LAVARDIN** (15). Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Antonio Gades, Laura del Sol in Carlos Saura's **A LOVE BEWITCHED** (PG) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 & 8.40. "Musically and visually a feast" F.T.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in **A ROOM WITH A VIEW** (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun). 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's possible to conceive...my movie of 1986" Alexander Walker, Std.

GATE CINEMA, Notting Hill Gate 727 4043. TOM WAITS in **DOWN BY LAW** (15) 3.00 5.00 7.00 9.10. All seats bookable

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5225 (Enq) / 930 7615 (24 hour Access/ Visa/ Am Ex Bookings) **SHORT CIRCUIT** (PG) in Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 1.00 3.35 6.10 8.50. All progs bookable in advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2. 379 3014/ 836 0691 **THE SACRIFICE** (15). Film at 2.10 5.05 8.10

MINEMA 45 **KNIGHTSBRIDGE** 235 4225 **A ROOM WITH A VIEW** (PG) Daily: 2.30 4.45 7.00 9.15. **MUST END THURS 29 JAN. FROM FRI 30 JAN** Kathleen Turner in a Francis Coppola film **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED** (15) From Fri 30 Jan: daily: 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0. Seats bookable in advance for 7.0 & 9.0.

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) **TWICE IN A LIFETIME** (15) Sep progs Daily 2.00 5.00 8.30. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings Welcome.

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259. **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED** (15) Sep progs Doors open Daily 2.00 5.00 8.00. All seats bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/ Visa/ AmEx) 930 3232/ [illegible] 24 hour service £2.50 seats available Monday all performances.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH [illegible] 2011) **CROCODILE DUNDEE** (15) Sep progs Doors open [illegible] 1.15 3.35 5.55 8.15. Reduced prices for OAP's, UB40 [illegible] Student card holders, [illegible] 16's.

RENOIR opp. Russell Sq [illegible] 837 8402. (1) **ROCINANTE** [illegible] Film at 2.30 4.30 [illegible] (2) **ROUND MIDNIGHT** [illegible] Film at 3.30 6.00 [illegible]

THE ARTS

Malice remains in doubt

Everybody loves a sailor, but not as much as they love a good conspiracy theory. Rex Bloomstein's film *Attack on the Liberty* (ITV) combined the two in a compelling investigation into this event which took place during 1967 Six Day War.

Described as "the ugliest ship in the navy" and therefore easily identifiable, the neutral USS Liberty was cruising off the coast of Egypt when, on the fourth day, she was subjected to a storm of

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Israeli bombs, napalm and torpedoes leaving 34 dead and 174 wounded. Although the American government formally accepted the Israelis' claim that this was all a terrible mistake, many maintain that the Israelis were quite aware of what they were doing.

Bloomstein's film induced considerable sympathy for the latter view, using contemporary footage of the marines at play to contrast with the sad testimonies of the now middle-aged survivors. "There were men crying and in panic and calling for their mothers", remembered the ship's doctor, while others described feelings of bewilderment and impotence at being part of a major game-plan of which they were unaware.

Incriminated by their confusion over what actually happened that day, the Israeli interviewees, including the former head of the Israeli Navy, played into Bloomstein's hands. Such comments as "I remember the command Stop – Go On – there *was* a Go On but I don't remember in which order", when spoken by the man with his finger on the torpedo button, contributed to a charting of errors on both sides, but could only at very best be attributed to colossal incompetence.

Those in favour of the conspiracy theory would subscribe to the view that the Israelis were determined to eliminate a potentially destructive source of eavesdropping; but, moving and intriguing as this documentary was, it fell just short of convincing me of that.

The Americans were the target for another kind of attack in *The Max Headroom Show* (Channel 4). However, this time round, the video charmer's wisecracks were not half as sharp as the cut of his shoulder-pads, so "the country of Liberty, Fraternity and Laurel and Hardy" escaped in relatively good shape.

Alexandra Shulman

● *Largo Desolato*, the latest work of Vaclav Havel, Czechoslovakia's most prominent playwright, receives its British première at the Orange Tree, Richmond, opening on February 6 (with a preview the previous evening). The play, the seventh by Havel to be presented at the Orange Tree, has been adapted for the English stage by Tom Stoppard.

Brave display of empire in its death-throes

GALLERIES

John Russell Taylor reviews the major new exhibition of *Russian Style 1700-1920* at the Barbican, to be inaugurated by the Duchess of York tonight

Even the Hermitage has never had a costume exhibition quite like this. Though the museum's holdings of costume are vast and choice, it does not normally have a costume show as such. And, when it does show costumes, the exhibitions are brief and selective, frequently taking the form of contributions by the costume department to more general evocations of a period such as (recently) the baroque in Russia, or the *fin de siècle*. The reason for this, needless to say, is primarily conservation: the curators of the collection are very conscious that with long exposure to the light their most cherished exhibits would be reduced to shreds and patches, but equally they feel that there is little point in showing costumes in circumstances so grimly light-controlled that they cannot possibly make more than a fraction of their intended effect.

The circumstances of the Barbican Art Gallery's show *Russian Style 1700-1920*, which is inaugurated by the Duchess of York tonight and opens to the public on Friday (until April 26), present a happy compromise: the light levels are regulated to near the top of what is normally permitted in this country, given that the costumes will be on display for only three months before they are spirited back to their Leningrad lair and put away until their next brief exposure.

The show covers more than two centuries of Russian elegance, from the grandest court dress to the most innocent peasant wear. Innocent does not in this instance necessarily mean crude or simple: country folk were clearly as much given as their more sophisticated fellows to the pleasures of dressing up and showing off, and many of the peasant dresses for high days and holidays are sumptuous indeed, not so much in the use of luxurious materials as in their bold play of contrasting colours and textures.

It is very understandable that, by the end of the period under review, artists and high society were becoming fascinated by Russian folk arts, and that their influence was apparent in fashion in Moscow and St Petersburg as well as, through Diaghilev, in the West.

The drift of influence went, naturally, both ways. In the earlier part of the period it was mostly, as far as the clothes of courtiers and prosperous city folk were concerned, an influx from the West: learning from Paris and London was very much a part of Peter the Great's plans for modernizing his empire, and the extent of Russian imports of talent and ideas can be seen as clearly in this show as in the current Paris exhibition at the Grand Palais, *La France et la Russie au siècle des lumières*, or last year's show of *Gold and Silver Treasures from the Hermitage* at the Thyssen-Bornemisza foundation in Lugano.

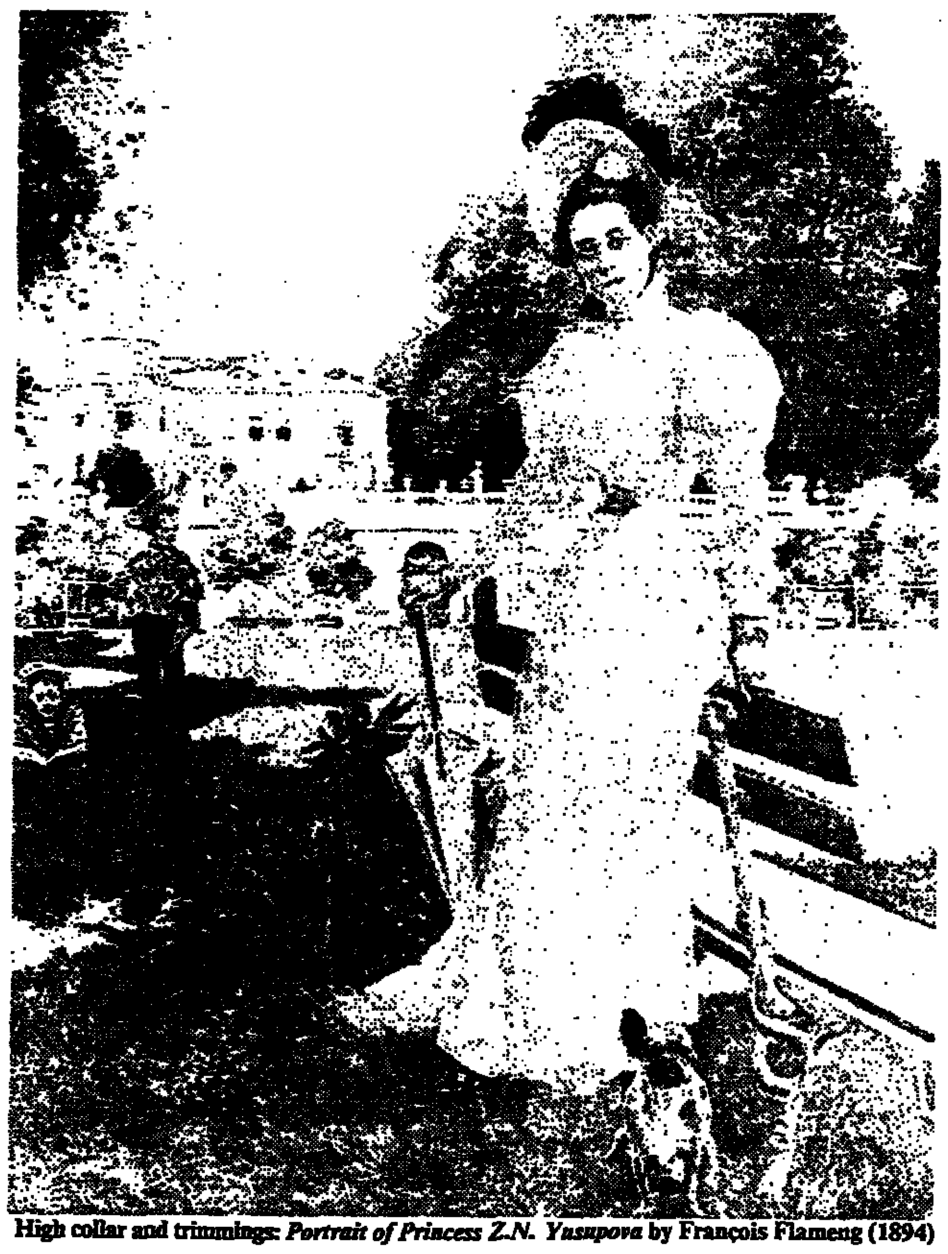
The earlier costumes at the Barbican are in fact primarily of historical interest, giving a context to the emergence of something that may properly be called "Russian Style" as the 19th century progressed. The real glory of the show comes after about 1860, when the oohs and aahs are bound to begin with a series of stunning crinoline dresses combining exquisite line with amazingly controlled use of intricate ornament. Many of these, it transpires, were intended for the determinedly emergent middle classes, and indeed they look wearable as well as elegant.

It is arguable if the same could be said about the resplendent court costumes of the later 19th century. It must have needed an army of servants and attendents to have got the grandees into these clothes and then ensured that they could actually, within strict limits, have lived and moved in them. But they certainly make a brave display of the Russian empire in its death-throes.

It is intriguing to consider by what routes these amazing relics of the fled aristocracy arrived in the Hermitage collection: most, it appears, were acquired after the Revolution, but whether from aristocrats who stayed on and changed their ways, or from mountains of the officially confiscated and the privately looted, is not revealed. A window on a vanished world, at least, these gorgeous garments undoubtedly represent, and it is touching as well as paradoxical to see how immaculately they are cared for by the children of a regime which must be diametrically opposed to all that they stand for.

In a more private sector, the Hermitage's holdings of the clothes worn by rich and middling-rich at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries are very advantageously displayed. Sometimes the label indicates Paris workmanship, but by this time the elegant Russian lady was wearing clothes related to but noticeably different from those of her west European sister: there is a distinct taste for high collars and trimmings which betray one eye knowingly trained on what the well-appointed peasant was wearing. This tendency reaches its apogee in the extraordinary costumes assigned to humbler court functionaries, such as the outfit in golden yellow damask, fringed and flounced and garnished with enormous strings of imitation pearls, which fell to the lot of a Mamka or court wet-nurse.

Whichever way you look, there is beauty and extravagance and the most delicate workmanship imaginable. All too easy, admiring all this, to forget the sufferings of the peasants and how many little old ladies went blind in sweat-shops to produce these results. Which is not to say that it was all worth it, but rather to observe that a great wrong clearly from time to time produced a little right.


High collar and trimmings: *Portrait of Princess Z.N. Yusupova* by François Flameng (1894)

The reassertion of femininity

Richard Morrison meets the soprano **Josephine Barstow**, who sings the title-role in Jonathan Miller's production of *Tosca* which opens at the Coliseum tonight

Josephine Barstow as a classical Forties Tosca

When Josephine Barstow sings Tosca this time round, she will be better prepared in at least one crucial respect. In the period since she first tackled the role at the London Coliseum she has actually grown to like the lady. But then those years have seen her sing in productions across the globe including, last May, some extraordinary *ad hoc* performances in Riga and Tiblisi and at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow, when the Soviet Government invited her to participate in three different productions, none of which she had time to rehearse.

"I didn't have any sympathy with Tosca to begin with. Perhaps I was a toffee-nosed little twit then, but I did not find her interesting. Well, to be frank, I found her stupid. Now I realize that, although she isn't highly endowed with intelligence, she does have a great deal of charm, hot-blooded passion and – above all – femininity. In fact one of the problems is to keep reasserting her femininity in the very difficult situations in which she finds herself. When she becomes a murderess, for instance."

In this respect, though, Barstow believes Puccini has provided some shrewd insights into the female psyche. "There is her wonderful behaviour when Scarpia dies. Tosca has killed him, yet her immediate reaction is to revert to forgiveness; she does not allow the possibility that he has tricked her ever to cross her mind. In fact she sings 'now I forgive him, as soon as he's dead'. She means that in a religious sense as well, which is what brings her to place the candles round him. Of course, in this production we don't actually place candles as, such."

That seemed to be the cue to raise the question of Jonathan Miller's production, first seen (and controversially received) at the Maggio Musicale in Florence last year. It sets the opera in 1944 – with the Allies, rather than Napoleon, advancing on Mussolini's Rome. Does Barstow believe there is much more mileage left in the old updating trick?

"I know Jonathan has done it a lot with operas, but it does work with this one. It makes the story more immediate for us; the events are now within the lifetime of many, and within the scope of history familiar from what people see in films and on television. Moreover, it enables us to make an important point about the treatment of the individual whenever a group of people misuse power. I think this production is more likely to jolt you into remembering that people are still being tortured today. Jonathan is trying to transmit a message with this piece. He's trying to say: Amnesty International is still there, and has to be still there, because this kind of thing is still going on. And that's a point well worth making."

Barstow's operatic career so far has been a remarkable and judicious mixture of daring eclecticism and concentration on a few soprano roles for which she is in constant international demand: Salome, Lady Macbeth and Violetta notably. She still learns three or four new parts each season, and her record in contemporary opera is outstanding: she has sung in either the world or British premières of such epics as *The Ice Break*, *We Come to the River*, *The Devils of Loudon*, *The Bassarids* and – last year – Penderecki's *Die schwarze Maske* in Salzburg. "I would get very bored, just trailing a narrow repertoire round the world, as some do", she says. "The great pity with new operas is that you spend a big chunk of your life learning them, and you never do them again. But I do think it is a duty of the active singer to have a go at the stuff that is being created at the time."

How does she prepare for a role like Salome, which she has sung dozens of times? How receptive was she to yet another producer with a "concept"? "Well, you cannot pretend you are leaving all your past experience behind when you start on a new production, and you shouldn't anyway; in a sense this experience is partly what the people who employ you are paying for. So at times you have to say to a producer 'I tried it that way before, and it doesn't work'.

"But I'm much more amenable to being 'moulded' now. For instance, I used to have 'a dance' for *Salome*, with special veils to fit, and simply say to each new producer 'Look, don't worry about the dance; I have my own and here are my veils that fit it'. Well, after about two or three times, I thought this is stupid. So now I've discarded it, and wherever I go I learn a new dance. It's only fair to a new production.

"Mind you, it's awful having to rework that bloody dance over and over. I mean, the older you get the harder it gets. But you have to keep reminding yourself of your ideals, of why you came into the business in the first place.

"Opera is such a difficult medium, it works so rarely. You'll occasionally get a shot in the arm, like singing *Fidelio* with the Vienna Philharmonic, or performing with someone who really acts well, or just those odd moments that simply happen between you and the audience. But there are a whole lot of things that chip away not only at your confidence but at your resolve to continue to do what you set out to do."

If Barstow does ever become demoralized, which seems an unlikely prospect, she can always retire to the Sussex farm which she and her husband (the director Ande Anderson) now run, and where she indulges in her exotic hobby of breeding Arabian horses. Is that profitable? "No", she laughs. "There's no money in it at all. Actually I have to keep singing to pay for it."

THEATRE

Road
Royal Court

Jim Cartwright's scorching, bang-up-to-the-minute play is a State of the Nation piece with a vengeance. What form the vengeance will take is still unclear but, if the author's super-real creation of life on society's scrap heap is to be trusted, then vengeance will come for sure. "Road to Nowhere" is implied in the title but, on the route, drink, sex and slagging off can fill the nights. Guided by Ian Dury's coarsely sardonic linkman, we are taken into a score of rooms, picking up fragments of the lives of those who inhabit this dead-end road.

For this production, the second revival in a year, half the stalls have been ripped out. Paul Brown's design incorporates a promenade built out from the stage to reach under the dress circle. The audience can walk anywhere they want to; actors are likely at any moment to offer us chips, ask for a light or even dance at the disco (I danced with Pauline). A tart pursuing her man will chase him all the way to the upper circle. Iain Glen's skinhead, taut as a stretched bow, becomes a disciple of Buddha on the dress circle balcony.

The openness of Simon Curtis's production is a striking image for one theme in the play itself: humanity can be assertive, extraordinary and lively in any place. This exhilarating play is also a lament for a vanished England.

"I can't get over the past, how it was", Alan David's former National Serviceman recalls, quietly, with tears in his eyes at the recollection of days when everyone felt special but safe. Susan Brown's old dear, dolling herself up in a scrap of mirror, remembers the war while retrieving milk from the cat's bowl for her cup of tea. The author gives these characters an exceptional strength, sometimes in one longish speech in a single appearance. He can also powerfully screw up the tension, and contemporary drama has few incidents more resonant than the three scenes that follow the boy and girl who get into bed together and starve themselves to death.

The world Jim Cartwright shows us is a raw one and his language, coupling obscenities and street poetry, presents a passionate, unavoidable truth about a dis-United Kingdom.

Jeremy Kingston

CONCERTS

ECO/Tate
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Jeffrey Tate's interpretation of Mozart and Haydn, much in evidence since he became principal conductor of the English Chamber Orchestra, continues to be both invigorating and disconcerting. Its crux is its forcefulness – of texture rather than gesture.

This performance of Mozart's Symphony No 38, the "Prague", was typical. The adagio introduction set an atmosphere that was more than brooding: beefy woodwind chording and a punched-out bass stride took us into a prelude-to-tragedy area that is not really justified by the way the symphony continues (despite the pre-echoes of *Don Giovanni* that some detect).

The first movement's development section does respond to a heavy-handed treatment, and there is pungency to be gained from accentuating the passing discords in the Andante, as Tate did so deliberately here. But, apart from this relish for manhandling music that many treat like a lady, Tate does currently seem to have little special to say in the 18th-century repertoire, which is not to deny that his performances are well organized.

He was far more sympathetic to the spirit of Richard Strauss's *Metamorphosen*, which was given a solidly sonorous performance later. One could argue that he should have lingered longer around those glorious climaxes, or that the ECO's 23 strings could have indulged more boldly in some "period" portamenti. Nevertheless, the playing had an admirable passion.

The Dutch mezzo Jard van Nes, on her London début, made a considerable impression in Mahler's Rückert-Lieder, which were beautifully accompanied (particularly by the wind in "Um Mitternacht").

She is clearly a highly serious artist; even the gentle playfulness of the opening song seemed a bit too frivolous for her. But as the mood darkened she grew in confidence and her voice revealed its considerable potential: an unforced, contralto-like chest register, developing a silvery thread as she rose higher, especially when she sang out. A slight nervousness when changing from one timbre to another was probably attributable to the big occasion.

Richard Morrison

Lumina/Blake
Wigmore Hall

For fainter hearts, one hastens to point out that Alfred Shnittke's Septet, commissioned by Lumina in 1981 and scored for their ensemble of violin, viola, cello, flute, two clarinets and piano, is worlds removed from the bizarre outrages of his First Symphony, heard in London just before Christmas. But it does say what it has to say in ways that on the surface do seem rather garish.

For instance the first movement, after threatening to break into a chromatic variety of Reich-like minimalism, is interrupted by the emergence of pointedly banal piano writing and by some furious, anarchic counterpoint – all of which conspires to make it sound a bit like Ives at his most extreme.

But then, all of a sudden, everyone converges on a unison A, at which note the second movement, labelled "Chorale", is also aimed. Its own gentler counterpoints have proliferated around inevitable diatonic block harmonies.

Yet, for all the obvious attention-seeking devices he employs, the things that impress most about Shnittke here, as elsewhere, are the airiness, the variety and the simple eloquence he somehow imparts to his music. Some see his apparent ability to absorb any other style into his own as a mark of naivety, but in the end the sheer, gripping power of both the ideas and the structures tells one that his music contains more art than it pretends.

David Blake's *Seasonal Variants*, completed in 1985 and scored for the same ensemble, is similarly unabashedly eclectic. The jerky unisons of the opening Toccata descend directly from Messiaen, while the closing Notturno, complete with fleeting middle section, owes much to Bartók, as Blake admits. There is also, however, a powerful individualist at work in this attractive and evocative piece. Just as there is, of course, in Janácek's Violin Sonata, which was here given a thoroughly impassioned reading by Ruth Crouch and Erik Levi.

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Starry war on the screen

The Russians are about to invade America – on television; **Ivor Davis** reports from the United States on the outraged reactions to the new series, *Amerika*, from critics in the United Nations and in *Pravda*

Red flag flying: Lenin and Lincoln side by side in the big parade

What would the heartland of America be like under a Soviet military occupation? That's the premise of a fourteen and a half hour, week-long mini-series that American television audiences may tune into, beginning on February 15. The controversy swirling around the show is the noisiest ever stirred up by this ambitious, US commercial television production.

Critics on the left accuse the ABC network, which created the $40 million series, of promoting "right wing propaganda in the guise of entertainment programming." Right-wingers express dissatisfaction that the invading Russians are depicted "too sympathetically".

Pravda, the official Communist Party newspaper, has condemned the serial as "a deliberate act of psychological warfare". Pointing out that the series will be watched by some 60 million viewers, the newspaper declared that the show depicts people being incarcerated in concentration camps and living under a repressive regime.

Even the United Nations has joined the fray. Its Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar has protested against the use of a paramilitary force used in the show to keep the natives in line, bearing the title "UN Special Services unit" and carrying a flag with what looks like the UN crest.

Some leading Americans, including three former US Secretaries of State (Edmund Muskie, Alexander Haig, and Dean Rusk), have put their names to a letter asking ABC Television to provide programming about UN peacekeeping work to offset the damaging and negative image. The petition, also signed by former National Security adviser, Robert McFarlane, and two former chief US delegates to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Andrew Young, and other prominent officials, notes that the signatories are worried that the series depicts UN forces as "brutal oppressors" and suggests that before each segment of the marathon saga is shown, the network air announcements making it quite clear that the troops shown on the series "bear no resemblance to the true UN peacekeeping force". They also want free public service time to enable the UN to explain its goals.

Many ordinary people wonder if this is really the best time for an American network to show a film in which the Soviet Union, having infiltrated the institutions of an America gone spineless, lacking in patriotism and the ideals on which the country was founded, takes over the country without a shot being fired. How, they ask, can this kind of Soviet-bashing help international relations in a nuclear age? Few people have actually seen any of the epic. With the exception of a series of screenings in Nebraska, where much of the film was shot, and selected screenings this week for television critics from around the US, the public will have to wait until next month to decide on which side of the argument they will come down.

The criticism from some of those who have seen the first four hours, has been damning. A media watch group called Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, which includes on its advisory board the actor Ed Asner *(Lou Grant)*, writers Studs Terkel and Jessica Mitford and anti-nuclear activist Dr Helen Caldicott, have demanded that the ABC give them time after the programme to present "a balanced viewpoint".

They point out that in the film, "patriotism means elevating loyalty to the nation and its leaders far above other loyalties and concerns. Dissent is portrayed as unpatriotic and was the reason US security was undermined." University of California sociologist Todd Gitlin has written several pieces castigating the series. "This is garbage," he says, "so let's call it by its proper name."

The show itself, based on the evidence of the first few hours, seems too slight to occasion such venom. It is slow-paced and "talky", and even its star, Kris Kristofferson, playing Devin Milford, a Kennedy-like former Presidential candidate returned home from six years in a Soviet prison, calls it "more like a slow Russian novel". By throwing in enough graphic sex to keep the soaps in incidents for a month, however, the producers obviously hope American audiences will be hooked – and stay tuned.

Amerika, the foreign spelling designed to jump out at you, is getting a bad rap, says the man who wrote, produced, and directed it. Donald Wrye complains that the very people who are criticising him are precisely those who are always screaming about free speech and decrying censorship. "I've been very scrupulous about not portraying the Soviets in a negative light," he protests. "I made a special effort to try to make a rational piece that wouldn't inflame. It's been said that somehow it's going to ignite passions against the Soviets. That's pure nonsense."

It is anybody's guess, however, how a totalitarian occupying force can be shown in anything but a bad light.

Under the occupation, American life seems to go on pretty much as before. Kids play Little League baseball and marching bands and cheerleaders still head the parade. But individual liberty has gone, the American flag is banned and banners of Lenin take its place. There are long food lines and the occupying forces regularly parade their military might down Main Street. Dissidents are carted off to the Gulag or exiled to shanty camps on the outskirts of town. The President of the United States still sits in the Oval office – but merely as a puppet of the new regime.

Besides Kristofferson, the cast includes Robert Urich as a solid American; an Australian actress, Wendy Hughes, as Kristofferson's ex-wife, now a collaborator; Reiner Schoene, the East German-born actor plays the commander of the United Nations military unit and the Soviet Control boss and the KGB Colonel is played by New Zealand actor Sam Neill. Pressing home the message of the marathon film, Neill says at one point to Urich. "You lost your country before we ever got here."

Kristofferson, an actor, singer and songwriter long identified with liberal causes in America, says he turned down the role twice because he was worried about precisely the aspects that critics of the show are now attacking.

"I certainly wasn't interested in making a piece of political propaganda," he says, "nor did I want to further Cold War attitudes or help promote a confrontational relationship between Russia and the US. I knew I would put myself in opposition to those who I am normally in alliance with. But my motives were honourable. The message of the show is very close to some of the songs I've been writing lately. I thought it was my duty to do it."

> ‘My motives were honourable . . . I thought it was my duty to do it’
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> **Kris Kristofferson**

Kristofferson will be out of the country when the series is showing, ironically on his first visit to the Soviet Union, which is reportedly considering buying the series to show to its citizens as the kind of anti-Soviet propaganda in which the US indulges.

An official of the Soviet State Committee for Television and Radio wondered: "Why not show the Soviet people how the American mass media are educating their audience?" The possible effect on Americans can only be gauged by the reaction, whenever segments of the show have been screened, to a key scene in the movie: it's Lincoln Day on Main Street, USA, and the marching bands are out in force – balloons float overhead and the Future Farmers of America march side by side with silver haired ladies of the crochet club.

The flags are all a solid red and Lincoln hangs next to Lenin. Tanks rumble by, the UN soldiers march behind machine guns and military helicopters whirl overhead. Bringing up the rear is a raggle-taggle band of ancient war veterans, and lo and behold, one of them is carrying the outlawed star-spangled banner.

Devin Milford, hero of the people, is led to the podium to speak of his conversion to Soviet ideals. But he stands silent. Suddenly, from somewhere deep in the crowd, an old refrain breaks out. It's the national anthem – "The Star Spangled Banner". And within seconds the entire gathering has joined in, in defiance of their Soviet masters.

When the lights came up, there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

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Fear grounds the Chinook

Last November 45 oil men were killed in a helicopter crash in the North Sea. The fault has been remedied, but now a battle is on to restore confidence in the aircraft

Nearly three months after the Chinook crash off the Shetlands which killed 45 oil men, three identical helicopters are waiting to be put back to work. But although the cause of the crash is now known in considerable detail by accident investigators, and there is no technical or legal objection to the helicopters taking to the air once more, the men who live and work on the isolated rigs and their employers, the Shell Oil Company, want nothing to do with the machines (technically called Boeing 234s).

"It is terribly frustrating," said Captain David Hogg, chairman of the British Airline Pilots Association helicopter branch. "We have had to go back years to older, noisier, less comfortable machines because emotion has taken over from fact."

And the Chinook fleet's senior pilot, 40-year-old Tim Jenkins, is so convinced that the Chinook is the safest helicopter in the business that he would willingly take the apple of his eye, his three-year-old son Nicholas, with him any time if it would help to prove that anyone flying in the machines is perfectly safe.

"What happened was appalling, tragic. But we now know what went wrong and it will not happen again," he says. "Yet still we hear nothing but how unsafe the 234 is."

His confidence stems from the quite extraordinary series of events that led to the crash. For about two years operators of the 234 including British International Helicopters, which owns the North Sea fleet, had noticed during regular checks on the gearbox that bolts holding the large gear wheels in both front and rear rotors were shaking loose after a few hundred hours in the air. But by regular checks and a little workshop improvization, the potential problem seemed to have been overcome.

Boeing, equally worried, sent out a mandatory notice telling all users of the 234 to incorporate a modification which, it said, would cure the problem once and for all. It wanted the bolt holes made slightly larger and it supplied a newly designed washer or shim to help clamp the part even more firmly on to the main shaft.

Tragically, in designing that part with the best of intentions it was sowing the seeds of disaster. For unknown to anyone, a mystery corrosive substance had been allowed to seep out of the old shim via shallow channels, a feature which the new design lacked.

Frantic attempts are now being made by Boeing to discover exactly what this substance is and how it forms. What is known is that it quickly ate into the metal and eventually led to an unseen crack around the edge of the ring gear. As the Chinook flew towards Sumburgh with its passengers on November 6, this crack below the front rotor suddenly opened up and sent the helicopter looping the loop before smashing on to the waves 500 feet below. Only two people escaped.

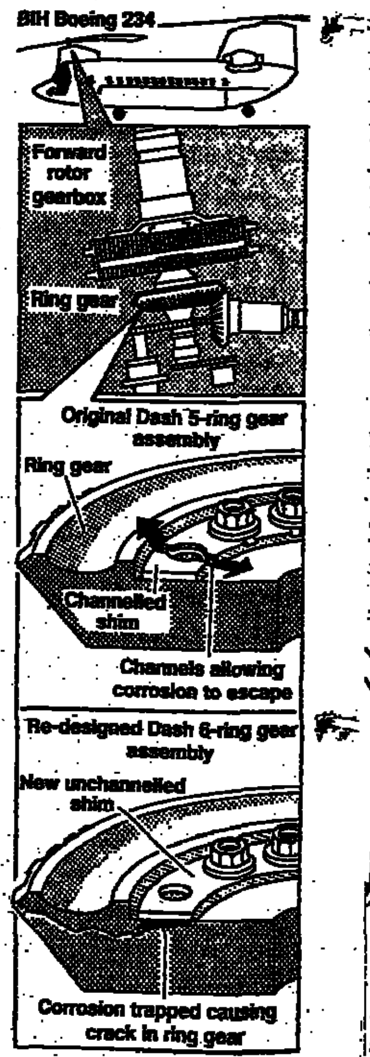
Within weeks investigators, manufacturers and operators had all agreed: put the original shim back in the ring gear and the problem would not recur. But in order to eliminate any doubts whatever, the Civil Aviation Authority decided to investigate every part of the Chinook's transmission system. While that investigation goes on Shell will not allow its men to fly in the Chinook. And the men, for their part, have no intention of doing so.

"If we do not get the go-ahead to start flying again," BIH's general manager, Kit Chambers, says, "it will mean that the one real advance in helicopter development over the last 10 years will have been lost."

In what could be a last-ditch attempt to persuade Shell to begin putting its men back on the helicopter, BIH and Boeing have produced a whole series of modifications designed to answer criticisms. "Nothing can bring back those who died," says Captain Chambers. "But when the oil business takes an upturn there will be a need for a large sophisticated modern helicopter to fly long distances over the North Sea. Only the 234 can do this – and it can do it safely. Somehow we must convince people of that."

Harvey Elliott

Ring of fate: Tim Jenkins (left), Kit Chambers (right) and engineer James Morgan with a gear wheel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Daimler Benz director Bernd Gottschalk said yesterday that "as a large company enjoying international recognition, we want to fulfil our cultural and social responsibilities by sponsoring high quality activities".

The high quality activities which will run for two months from April 27 – mostly on London's South Bank – involve more than 60 events and more than 800 German musicians, actors, dancers, writers and artists.

'WHEEL-CLAMPED MERC ON SOUTH BANK' BY UNKNOWN INFURIATED GERMAN ARTIST ON HOLIDAY.
Ken Pyne

Some of these are Herbert von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic; Antal Dorati and the Royal Philharmonic, both at Festival Hall; Fischer-Dieskau at the Queen Elizabeth Hall; Berlin's Schaubuhne Company at the National Theatre with its production of O'Neill's *The Hairy Ape*; a multi-media exhibition about Beethoven in the Festival Hall's ballroom, and the Heidelberg Dance Theatre which will perform its director Johann Kresnik's *Sylvia Plath* in a vast studio in the Bermondsey Docklands.

The festival is timed to coincide with the 750th anniversary of the founding of Berlin. Gottschalk avoids saying how much money Mercedes are contributing. But they are underwriting the £750,000 festival and are thought to be contributing at least £500,000.

Its director is Sir Ian Hunter, the impresario who presented the American Festival here two years ago and a former director of the Edinburgh Festival.

The event is the result of some ingenious and speedy negotiations, first by Hunter and then by the banking moguls he recruited to his cause – executive committee chairman George Mallinckrodt of Schroders; Freddy Fisher of Warburgs; Ronald Grierson of Warburgs and GEC and chairman of the South Bank Board; and Sir Claus Moser, who is chairman of the Royal Opera House and a director of Rothschild's.

Between them they created a committee of honour, headed by Prince Philip and the West German President's wife, Marianne von Weizsäcker. The committee includes the foreign ministers and ambassadors of both countries, Arts Minister Richard Luce and the Deutsche Bank director.

The entire festival was organized in summer last year, too late to include some elements which the organisers would have liked included, for instance, an exhibition of silver and china.

"I'm not saying that it's a totally representative festival of German art; you couldn't do that," said Sir Ian Hunter. "The notice wasn't sufficient to include opera on the scale on which it should be presented – and anyway there is a good representation of many of these aspects of German art in London already."

There may yet be a fashion show and some elements of industrial design. But the fact that there is still space to think about these things is thanks to Mercedes, the car.

Simon Tait

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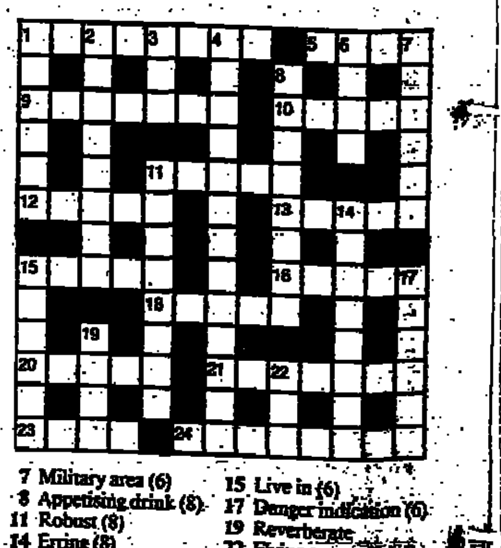

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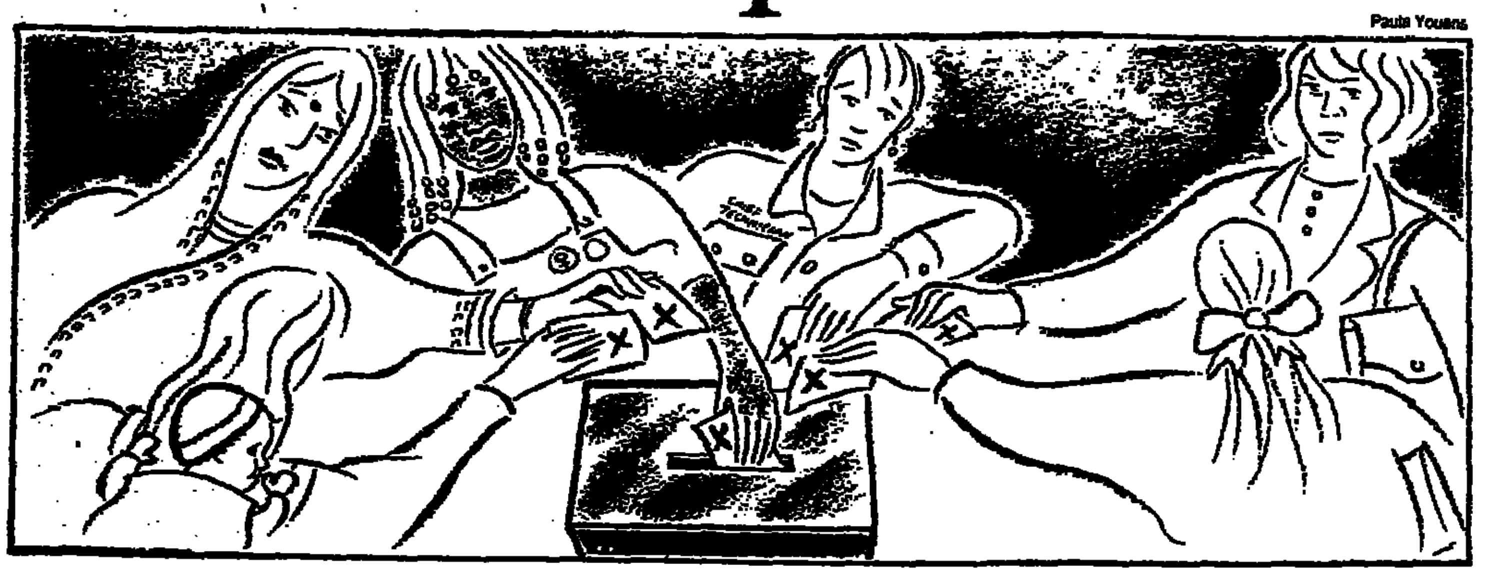
WEDNESDAY PAGE

Barbara Amiel warns the Government not to treat women as a special case

Tories and the politics of envy


Paula Youens

Emma Nicholson is vice-chairman of the Conservative Party with special responsibility for women. She is the Tory version of a femlibber, which is to say she believes in most of the causes of feminism but eschews the more radical means of achieving them.

Miss Nicholson's star may be on the rise. Pollsters say the Tories need to attract more women and so the Tories have been increasingly attracted to "women's issues". Suddenly, Westminster has a burgeoning interest in breast and cervical cancer. The menopause may be next.

This week, the Conservative Women's National Committee (CWNC), representing about one million women, gave Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, their shopping list for 1987. It was modest enough. Tory women haven't really got into the swing of the human rights industry. They still ask rather than demand.

They asked for workplace nurseries to cease being taxed as a benefit, at the same time making it clear, somewhat apologetically, that support for tax-free daycare was not to be construed as an attack on the family. There was also a delicate plea for VAT to be taken off "those products required for women's monthly cycle" and a request to raise the £71,000 threshold of inheritance tax.

It is a delicate job, this business of harmonizing the progressive siren of feminism with the commonsense tones of Toryism. Miss Nicholson tries very hard. She stands firm in her belief, for example, that a housewife's job is a real one and that housewives ought to receive wages even though they do not contribute directly to the gross national product. But, unlike radical feminists, she wouldn't dream that the state consider paying the housewife a wage. She prefers to see her given a tax allowance — "wages under another hat," she says enthusiastically.

She also wants more women in senior positions in the courts, Civil Service and professions, but would never press for affirmative action programmes and quotas. "That's not the Tory way," she says.

Behind the scenes there is a more significant development. Miss Nicholson wants to make the Tory party the party for women and has created a dizzying array of privately-sponsored women-only regional and national conferences for every variety of female.

There are the Tory professional and business women known as "The High Flyers". These include singers and dancers as well as engineers, accountants and lawyers. The under-40 set is being targeted in the Younger Women's campaign. "We must be prepared to go to them," says Miss Nicholson, who exudes a sort of Joyce Grenfell netball captain team spirit.

So the Tory party is becoming more geographically flexible; it is also diversifying racially and culturally. This March sees the first Asian women's conference and in July there will be a black women's conference. "We are taking special care to have all religions, all sections of Asian woman — people from Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Hindus, Sikhs, Moslems, Parsees and other special relgious groupings — and we will be very careful about planning the diets."

What does all this mean? Miss Nicholson is quick to point out that she doesn't want to set up "black or brown" sections in the Conservative party and that these initiatives are simply a way of reaching out to various groups of women that have not previously participated in the Conservative Women's Association. "They will receive a very warm welcome from all of us," says Miss Nicholson, and I can anticipate that they will, after the shock waves die down. But there are certain icebergs looming ahead.

There is nothing wrong with the Conservatives seeking to broaden their base. The left has hi-jacked a good part of the women's vote by creating so-called "women's issues" and this seems to me to be utter humbug. Women as an entity are as concerned with the practicalities of everyday living as anyone else, perhaps more so since they are less likely to have either inherited wealth or the portable skills of the intelligentsia.

Lower income women, especially, ought to be attracted to the party which has the soundest economic programmes and the strongest allegiance to liberal democracy in which individualism flourishes. A campaign to bring women — including women from different racial groups — into the Conservative Party is harmless enough and may even aid the party's strength.

But it is quite a different matter, I think, to start organizing meetings based on colour or creed. The minute that begins, one creates the expectation of special preferences for certain groups. Unless the Conservatives have discovered something new about human nature, they will find in time that the invidious concept of statistical parity rather than equality will raise its head. Instead of realizing that every woman in the party has an equal opportunity to become a member of the executive regardless of colour, someone will note that minority members comprise 20 per cent of the CWNC, but there is not one member on the executive. One will either have to have quotas or disaffection.

For my money, the politics of envy is the disease of our times and that disease flourishes best when society breaks down into special interest groups: men, women, heterosexuals, homosexuals and so on. In the politics of envy, every advantage another person has, every accomplishment exists only at the expense of someone else. In this scheme of things, whites do well only at the expense of blacks. Women do badly because of the cupidity of men. Thatcherism, at least, has been remarkable in its avoidance of this disease. Whatever its faults, it has not fallen prey to the idea that every inequity, every inequality, is due to some fault or flaw in society and that nothing is ever the fault of the individual.

Emma Nicholson strikes one as a decent, compassionate Conservative with nothing but good intentions. But in her well-meaning efforts, she may be laying the groundwork for the Tory party to sink into the mire of special interest groups and related legislation. A party and its leader, after all, only has so much energy to devote to issues, and already the Tory party under Mrs Thatcher has allowed the Equal Opportunities Commission to administer the nightmarish Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value Amendment — a dangerous piece of social legislation pushed by radical feminists which is setting female worker against male worker, and playing to the worst and greediest instincts in women.

I resent the idea that there are such things as "women's issues". I never thought the long waiting list for prostate operations was a man's issue, and any wife with a husband in pain will understand that.

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Sex, says Madame, is a taxing thing — and she should know

As the Cynthia Payne case continues, Caroline Phillips flew to Paris to talk to the celebrated Madame Claude

It never really occurred to me that I would make a good prostitute — it wasn't the sort of thing the university careers officer ever suggested. But it was the first thing that struck Fernande Grudet, Madame Claude, that is, erstwhile owner of the world's most prestigious call girl agency and brothel, based in Paris.

"I'd soon have you married to a Duke," she said, fixing her doe eyes (pencil-pleat Saint Laurent skirt to match) on me. Nor would it be the first time she had effected such a marriage. Looking uncharacteristically amused (the finely structured, tight-lipped face *almost* manages the relevant muscular exercise), she says: "It makes me laugh when I see the photographs of the ladies and countesses in the social pages of *Tatler*, *Harpers* and *Vogue*, and count up which ones started off by working for me." Her major coup was when one of her girls — "the daughter of a mere concierge" — married a peer.

"I have retired," she adds, turning her attention to the wine list (*her* choice of restaurant: *un bras et une jambe* job). She points to a very expensive bottle of Chateau Margaux. While my face matures to a cheap claret colour, she sits there demurely: 63, looking an elegant fortyish.

Madame Claude gave up her call girl network 10 years ago: "Sexual liberation meant that the market was shrinking." But the primary reason was that she had run into tax problems. By 1975, her earnings were estimated at £600,000 a year, and she faced charges of tax fraud and procuring more than 2,000 girls.

So she went to the United States for a decade's vacation, and returned last year on bad legal advice believing, mistakenly, that her tax sins had been absolved. She came back to a four-month prison sentence, albeit in a converted 17th-century castle in the South of France. The prison experience failed to ruffle one of the Vidal Sassoon-clipped hairs on her head. "Prison destroys those who can be destroyed," she says, pragmatically. Instead, she reflected on life. ("I have no complaints, no regrets"); watched television and completed her second book, *Le Meilleur C'est L'Autre*, which should appear in English soon.

The book contains advice to women on how to keep a man, culled from years of being confidante to thousands of disgruntled (mainly married) *hommes*. It runs the gamut from psychological hints to practical tips on how a woman can retain her looks and mystery.

She believes that women are superior to men and can instinctively exploit them. But her views are pessimistic. She regards love, with its concomitant jealousies, as a handicap. And she believes that the sexes share little in common. "If you didn't need a man and a woman to make children, they would never talk to each other," she says.

The critics derided her book "because I didn't name names", she says, claiming she doesn't like scandal and prefers discretion. More to the point is the fact that she still owes £2 million income tax on profits; and with many of her old faithfuls still pacing round Whitehall-sur-Seine, she probably prefers to let sleeping ministers lie.

Her girls were groomed for the most refined tastes, at prices that made dinner at Maxims beforehand seem like McDonald's. "The men wanted the best and were prepared to pay for it." Kings, princes, ministers and ambassadors were, she claims, among her clients. But it was not easy to find her: "You needed high-class contacts to get my number. This was to maintain the calibre of clients." She had daughters of diplomats and generals, countesses, secretaries, students and married women working for her.

Recruitment was no problem: she maintains she was over-subscribed. "About 20 girls a month would come to me, and I would choose one." She judged them initially on "face, figure and intelligence", and would have one of a handful of "friendly" clients monitor sexual performance. "They would tell me whether the girl was any good, useless or worth educating," she says in the manner of a sophisticated executive talking about product packaging. Indeed, she liked to regard her girls as smartly-wrapped Christmas parcels, which saved the men the time of shopping.

Despite having been educated in a convent — her first job was selling Bibles — she says she had no qualms about her work. "I am a well-balanced woman with no hang-ups." Instead, she treated her profession with the utmost professionalism, rapidly becoming a workaholic in order to achieve the quality she desired. "I took out everything that is shameful in prostitution and elevated it to something chic and dignified," she says. "The girls were proud to be Madame Claude girls."

She is a perfectionist, and wanted to create the perfect woman. "I felt like a sculptress," she says. She would send her "graduates" to couturiers, beauticians, health farms and plastic surgeons. She taught them correct posture, to talk intelligently and read books. "A man wants a woman who is sophisticated, funny, intelligent and interested in him — totally supportive and never bothering him with her problems."

It seems that she found the correct formula. "No one has matched me, before or since."

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Fernande Grudet, alias Madame Claude: sexual liberation meant the market was shrinking

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Learn to save

Mothers tend to worry when children play near water — but even if you're a good swimmer, could you save a life if something went wrong? On Saturday a campaign to remind adults and children alike of the dangers of water sports is launched; a joint effort by the Royal Life Saving Society and Silver Spoon sugar, it aims to teach basic rescue and resuscitation techniques to as many of the country's 40 million swimmers as possible. Details are available from RLSS, Mountbatten House, Studley, Warwickshire B80 7NN.

Quote me . . .

"The assumption is that everyone has a career today, but many mothers, I suspect, put marriage first. This view may run counter to what schools are trying to put across. Few mothers would wish not to have had children and they want their daughters to have the same experience." — Dame Mary Warnock, Mistress of Girton College

Helping hand

Crèches free women to work, to shop and to study — but there's more to organizing one than investing in a playpen and some poster paints. The Oxford Crèche Development Project, with years of experience co-ordinating crèches, have now published guidelines which cover every practical aspect including the legal side. *Good Practice in Crèches* costs £1 (inc p&p) from the Project at St Michael's School, Marston Road, Oxford (0865 251935).

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Josephine Fairley

Stress within the marriage

TALKBACK

From: Warren Coleman,
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The article on stress ("Run Ragged by the Rat Race", January 5) makes the point that stress at work has a potentially devastating effect on marriages and families. Attention also needs to be drawn to the fact that marital difficulties can themselves be a cause of stress and result directly in reduced work performance.

Marital difficulties, in turn, are frequently caused, at least in part, by a number of work-related stresses in addition to those mentioned in the article. Relocation, the threat of redundancy and approaching retirement can all disrupt the emotional balance in a marriage.

Alleviating the effects of stress is clearly important and valuable but it is also necessary to address its underlying emotional causes, particularly in these various areas of tension between the double demands of employment and the family.

From: Sandra Finlay,
Meard Street, Soho, London

I felt the article on stress, although interesting, was an irritating, sexist piece of writing, bereft of any debate or criticism. The focus on business and the presumption that men suffer the effects of stress, whilst the little woman sits at home picking up the pieces, strikes me as a totally unacceptable view.

Surely, women are as vulnerable as men to these problems, if not more so, bearing in mind, that the average female counterpart of the men described will have more overlap domestic responsibilities impinging on her professional world.

Dr Livingston Booth's advice on coping with conflicts at work — "stressed colleagues can be helped by teamwork, sharing management problems, wider social involvement and development of pride in the company" — applies equally to the home.

How can the courses be effectively offered solely to the business man, when the family as a whole requires help in restructuring day to day life to minimise stress? The key must be development of pride in the family, providing security which will in turn benefit the business man.

From: Celia Battersby,
Longdale House, Wincle,
Macclesfield, Cheshire

Many educated women with grown-up families must have felt, as I did, that Libby Purves' comments in "Changing Nannies at Kensington Palace" (January 19) were too obvious to need stating. No doubt in a few years time she will be telling us that it's even more difficult to find a mother substitute for teenagers.

I assessed all these difficulties pretty accurately when my husband and I decided to start a family. He appreciated that I was giving up my career to be with the children, and respected me for it.

When my sons finally came to leave home, I began working with a solicitor; I found I couldn't stand the sheer tedium of the work. I have concluded that very few people have interesting and fulfilling work; most jobs are attractive only for the salary they bring.

I now thoroughly enjoy doing all the fascinating things which I never had time to do when the family lived at home. How I pity the poor women journalists whose interests seem limited to such boring topics as breast-feeding, the menopause, child abuse, the single parent family, and Nanny Barnes!

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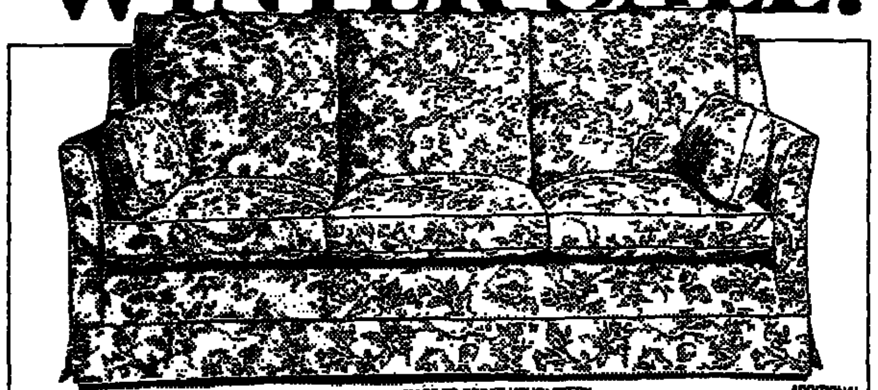

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Separate ways

The Anti-Apartheid Movement's picketing last month of *Bijer's Sunbird*, an uncompromisingly anti-apartheid play which happened to be performed by South African actors, may have drastic consequences for future tours. Impressarios Arts Admin, who hope to stage *You Strike the Woman, You Strike the Rock* by the South African Vusiszwe Players in Britain this year, tell me: "Every venue we ring asks where the company will stand in relationship to the cultural boycott." I suspect the AAM may keep its head down for fear of looking ridiculous. Though at first insistent on a total boycott, AAM has not taken up the National Theatre's offer to meet Sir Peter Hall to discuss its original fears about the Cottesloe's staging of *Bopha*. The unworthy suspicion is that interest has dissipated because *Bopha* features three black South African actors as opposed to the two whites who took to the boards for *Sunbird* at the Lyric, Hammersmith. Happily for Arts Admin, Vusiszwe happens to be an all-black company.

Join the queue

Fifty-one Liberals had handed in their names to stand for David Penhaligon's Truro seat the deadline yesterday. Most will be despatched with a stroke of the pen when the selection committee meets on Friday, nevertheless, it is progress for the Alliance. I recall the pathetic scrap of paper pinned up outside the SDP conference hall in September announcing that a Labour stronghold still lacked a prospective candidate. "Anyone interested should meet me at the noticeboard at 3.30, or 5.30 this afternoon. I will stand here again at 12.30 tomorrow."

Overruled

Admen Abbot Mead Vickers have had one of their copylines for this weekend's Alliance relaunch rally sent back by David Steel. He objected to: "In 1603, James I created the United Kingdom. Unemployment under both Labour and the Tories has now split it in two." Fife-born Steel pointed out that in Scotland the king in question was James VI. The posters and pamphlets now refer simply to "King James". And I have news for them all: the term United Kingdom was not used until 1801.

Arts parts

Unipart, which claims to be the "market leader in exhaust systems for all makes of cars", has decided to become a patron of the arts. It is offering art students prizes worth £10,000 for an "original sculpture". The catch is that it has to be made from car exhaust pipes and fittings. Jon Neill, the group's chief executive, says: "We feel our scheme is an appropriate inspirational challenge to Britain's young sculptors." To prevent students descending on the nation's scrap yards, Unipart promises that every entrant will receive "a variety of exhaust components" — free.

Fooled

Douglas Hurd is blessed with the greatest asset any politician can possess: luck. As the Commons voiced its outrage at the weekend's Wapping riot, the Home Secretary was able to say that he hoped new powers will be introduced "within the next few weeks" — thus winning the appropriate "Hurd Acts" headlines in yesterday's nationals. In fact, the Home Office confirmed yesterday, the powers to limit the numbers at demonstrations will come into effect on April 1. No swift response there: in December a Home Office press release announced that most of the remainder of the Act would come into force on (that's right) April 1.

BARRY FANTONI

'Gold, darling! Are we getting married or voting Alliance?'

Branching out

The decision by the diocese of London to split the office of Archdeacon of London in two has prompted lengthy discussions on how the newcomer should be styled. The first plan was to call him "Archdeacon of Westminster", but this caused objections from Westminster Abbey, which already uses the title for one of its canons. "Paddington" was rejected on the grounds that Paddington is the seat of an area deanery. "Mayfair" was deemed too upmarket; "Soho" too dubious. Now the diocese has decided on "Archdeacon of Charing Cross". This is not to everyone's taste, however. "People will go around asking him the time of the next train to Dover," a worried cleric complains.

PHS

Ex-president Richard Nixon recalls a wise and warm friend

My debt to Macmillan

November 1958: Macmillan and Nixon, then vice-president, at No 10. Fourteen years later, a message of sympathy after Watergate

Now that Harold Macmillan's compatriots have paid tribute to his distinguished career in British politics, may an overseas colleague offer an assessment of his contribution internationally.

As prime minister from 1957 to 1963 he was the right man in the right place at the right time. The tragedy of Suez brought him to power. If I may resort to a British understatement, the role of the United States in handling that crisis was not admirable. The serious mistakes the US has made in dealing with Iran pale into insignificance compared with those made during the Suez crisis.

As Eisenhower's vice-president I followed events at first-hand. Suez could not have come at a worse time, since Eisenhower was running for re-election on a platform of peace and prosperity. In our public statements, we virtually put the British and French in the same category as the Soviets in unjustifiably resorting to force to achieve their foreign policy objectives. Only a few days before, the United States had joined other countries in condemning Khrushchev for his ruthless suppression of the Hungarian freedom fighters. We forced the British and French to abandon their efforts to punish Nasser for his expropriation of the Suez Canal.

Years later, after he had left office, I talked with Eisenhower about Suez; he told me it was his major foreign policy mistake. He gritted his teeth as he remarked, "Why couldn't the British and the French have done it more quickly?" He went on to observe that the US action in saving Nasser at Suez didn't help as far as the Middle East was concerned. Nasser became even more anti-West and anti-US. We agreed that the worst fallout from Suez was that it weakened the will of our best allies, Britain and France, to play a major role in the Middle East or in other areas outside Europe.

Macmillan's task as he assumed office was awesome. Britain had lost its colonies. It was no longer a military or economic superpower. The special relationship with the United States had been severely damaged. Only a master politician could meet the challenge of carving out a new role for Britain on the world stage: a task for which Macmillan was uniquely qualified. He was justifiably proud of his British heritage. While he was too discreet to say so publicly, I think he would have agreed that while Britain was no longer a military superpower, it was still an intellectual superpower with the responsibility and opportunity to play a significant role in the world.

I can personally attest to that fact. In the 40 years that I have been in politics I have profited enormously from the wise counsel of many prominent Britons whom I have been privileged to know and work with, but no one influenced me more in that time than Harold Macmillan. He gave me invaluable advice when I met him in London in 1958, prior to my first trip to Moscow the following year. Based on the meetings he had had with Soviet leaders, he said: "They want to be admitted as members of the club." Macmillan was a consummate realist and gave no credence at all to the sentimental view that atmospherics would change Soviet behaviour, but he believed that treating the Russians with respect was a small price to pay for establishing the basis for rational discussion of our differences rather than to have meetings end up in a shouting match.

Macmillan also expressed some views when we met in 1958 which are relevant to Gorbachov's highly publicized openness initiative — *glasnost*. As a cold-eyed realist, he would be the last one to be taken in by tokenism. But he always put what would seem at the moment to be very small changes into historical perspective. He observed: "A hundred years elapsed between the time that Queen Elizabeth sent her advisers who fell out of favour to the scaffold, and Queen Anne, who sent hers into exile. Only five years elapsed between Stalin, who executed his rivals, and Khrushchev, who sent Bulganin out to run a power plant in Siberia."

He was convinced, as I am, that while the pace of change in the Soviet Union seems excruciatingly slow, we must always bear in mind that what matters in the long run is the fact and the direction of change.

His famous "Wind of Change" speech has been widely misunderstood and misinterpreted. He was a far-sighted observer who saw that change was inevitable in Africa and other Third World countries, but he never advocated that we should bend with the winds. What we should do is to try to change their direction.

I profoundly disagree with those who believe that because Britain is no longer a military and economic superpower, what British leaders think no longer matters very much. As long as it produces leaders like Harold Macmillan, Britain will always play a major role on the world scene.

My affection and respect for Harold Macmillan is due in part to our personal relationship. When my problems in the Watergate crisis were being widely publicized, he wrote to me: "Although I now live remote from current affairs, thinking more of the past than of the present, I feel impelled, in view of our long friendship, to send you a message of sympathy and good will. I trust that these clouds may soon roll away and that you may be able to take up with enthusiasm the task of promoting the peace and prosperity of the world to which you have already made such a notable contribution."

He did not intend to take sides in what he considered to be a strictly American political issue, but in effect what he was saying, as one practising politician to another, was that he wished me well. I shall always be grateful for his kindness at that time. What you learn when you fail is that you hear from your friends.

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David Hart on the parents' fight against Haringey's 'gay' education policy

Betty Sheridan (left) and Pat Headd: abused locally, snubbed by Labour HQ, but determined to battle on

Bernie Grant: no sign that his commitment has slackened

Lollipop lady who says 'stop' to the left

Despite the abolition of the GLC and the provision of large sums of money to the inner cities, the government has not been able to halt the growth of the hard left in many areas. In response, ordinary people are beginning to become politicians and try to do for themselves what their elected representatives have been unable to do for them.

Betty Sheridan and Pat Headd, residents of Haringey, north London, are two such. Betty Sheridan works as a "lollipop" lady; Pat Headd is a housewife. Both are lifelong Labour voters. They, with others, are the founder members of the Haringey Parents' Rights Group, set up, after the May 1986 local elections, to oppose the education policies of their council, which, according to them, is trying to subject their children to a pernicious form of educational propaganda designed to promote homosexuality.

The group complains that despite a written assurance by councillor Harry Lister during the election that Haringey Labour Party did not propose to promote "gay rights" within schools, that is exactly what it is doing.

The evidence seems to support the parents' argument. After the election, the council set up a Lesbian and Gay Unit and provided it with £250,000 and a staff of six. On June 9 Robert Mitchell of the unit wrote to all Haringey education staff insisting that "lesbian and gay issues be addressed with the same vigour and clarity as other areas of oppression" and telling them that "the council is to establish a fund for curriculum projects from nursery through to further education which are specifically designed to promote positive images of lesbians and gays".

The "Positive Images" policy was set out in a paper produced by Lesbian and Gay Unit sub-groups entitled "Gay Lessons". Teachers were urged that "when discussing sexual and emotional relationships the existence and experience of lesbians and gays should be included positively".

In addition, a booklet entitled *The Playbook for Kids about Sex*, directed at pre-pubescent children, advises its readers that "You can keep this book all to yourself or you can show it to other people", thus expressly authorizing children, if they wish, to exclude their parents. The booklet, published by a feminist co-operative and made available to all teachers in Haringey, suggests that parents are not good at talking about sex to their children.

Perhaps the most subversive offering in the booklet is a questionnaire in which children are asked to compare which things "two people of the same sex can do together" with the things "two people of the opposite sex can do together". Of the 16 activities offered, 15 are open to heterosexuals and homosexuals alike, among them *Sleep in the same bed, Eat meals or snacks, Have sexual intercourse, Live together, Touch each other's bodies* and *Raise a child*. Only one, *Make a baby*, is exclusive to heterosexuals.

Much of the booklet is in the form of a questionnaire designed, presumably, to enable those teachers who support the "Positive Images" policy to seek out those among their pupils who might have homosexual tendencies so that these can be brought out.

It is difficult to discover how many teachers have embraced the "Positive Images" policy or have distributed the book to how many children. Council officials are extremely reticent. But one councillor has stated on the record that any teacher who publicly opposes the policy would prejudice his or her career.

What is clear is that the issue is not whether homosexuals are an oppressed class, as hard-left activists claim, or how far homosexuality should be tolerated in Haringey, but whether a significant number of Haringey parents (5,000 signed a petition to the council against the policy last summer) have a right to prevent their children being exposed to an education policy and educational material that they find deeply offensive.

There are many parallels between the Haringey parents and the working miners during the 1984 coal strike. The Haringey parents have suffered similar intimidation. They have been subjected to death threats on the telephone and face to face, been urinated and spat upon.

The working miners, many of them traditional Labour voters, appealed to the national Labour Party to help them. So did the Haringey parents. Both were met with stony rejection. Mr Kinnock's office replied to an appeal from the parents on May 26, 1986, with an insultingly brief letter, refusing to intervene. The writer suggested they "pursue this matter directly with the authority".

They did. Their attempts to put their case to meetings of the council and its education committee have been met with violence and contempt. They have been prevented from speaking, had eggs thrown at them in the council chamber and been assaulted by council members and hard left activists bussed into meetings from all over London.

Haringey's education policy is beginning to receive attention in higher places, both spiritual and temporal. The Rev David Rushworth-Smith, a Baptist minister, began a hunger strike on New Year's Day which he intends to continue until the council "reverses its policy of positive classroom images of homosexuals".

In his support, Betty Sheridan, Pat Headd and 60 Haringey parents assembled at the Baptist Church in Eldon Road the Saturday before last intending to march to the Civic Centre, there to conduct an all-night vigil. The police asked them not to march because they feared trouble. The parents acceeded to this request, albeit reluctantly, and after assembling at the Baptist Church went by car and public-transport to the Civic Centre where they were met by about 200 supporters of the Workers Revolutionary Party, bussed in for the occasion.

The House of Lords has also taken an interest. On December 18, the Earl of Halsbury introduced a bill seeking to prevent local educaiton authorities from encouraging the promotion of homosexuality in schools. Betty Sheridan and Pat Headd briefed several peers before the debate. The government's response was to agree with the aim but to disagree with the method. The future of the bill is therefore uncertain.

Perhaps because of the opposition, Haringey council is reported to be reconsidering its policy. Even so, on a recent TV-am programme, Bernie Grant, the council leader, said: "I don't think there is any difference between homosexual and heterosexual parents as far as the child is concerned", thus apparently confirming his commitment to his council's "Positive Images" policy.

The next stage for Betty Sheridan and Pat Headd is to turn to the courts. There will be many obstacles in their way. Perhaps the most daunting is money. To bring an action could cost as much as £75,000; nothing for a profligate local council, a fortune for ordinary individuals.

Conservatives may be mistaken in regarding hard left political activists as "loony". Although they are alienating some traditional Labour voters and may well provide the Tories with election propaganda, they are creating exactly the kind of anarchy in the inner cities that could lead to the wider destabilization of society that most Marxists seek. As in the miners' strike, we may have to rely on the efforts of ordinary people to re-assert the individual rights that belong to us all.

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Correction

Robert Worcester's article on Monday described the result of a recent Gallup opinion poll as a "total aberration". This should have read "an aberration".

Lawrence Freedman

How Moscow might kill SDI

Caspar Weinberger, the US Secretary of Defence, has suggested that the Strategic Defence Initiative is making such excellent progress that it will soon be possible to begin development work towards a limited deployment six years hence. Other members of the Reagan administration are less optimistic.

In fact, Weinberger's push for early deployment reflects less the progress of the research (which has been mixed) than concern over future political obstacles. His proposals would make it even less likely that SDI could be constrained by arms control agreements. The programme might gain enough momentum to ensure that a future administration might find it hard to cancel.

The most positive construction to be put on Weinberger's efforts is that he is attempting to press the Soviet Union into more concessions in the arms control talks. But Gorbachov's advisers monitoring the progress of SDI might well be reporting that its long-term prospects are not impressive. In the American debate, SDI's supporters are having a difficult time convincing sceptics that the enterprise will lead to anything more worthwhile than a higher awareness of the problems of constructing strategic defences.

It might be possible to develop systems that would have a reasonable chance of intercepting a known number of known missiles travelling in predictable ways. But the problem is not so simple. Supporters cite the many scientific breakthroughs achieved despite the confident expectations of sceptics. But an assessment of the SDI's real feasibility is not a matter of technical but of *strategic* feasibility. The numbers and types of attacking ballistic missiles will be varied, and other countermeasures can be introduced, so as to defeat new defences. SDI hardware will itself be vulnerable to attack. Even if it eventually proves possible to limit the ballistic missile threat, enormous problems would still arise in constructing a defence against what are now called "air-breathing" systems — bombers and cruise missiles.

It might be counter-argued that if the problem of ballistic missiles can be cracked then that posed by other delivery systems ought to be much more manageable. But that is not the position being taken by the Reagan administration. It is argued, at least in the arms control negotiations, that nuclear deterrence can be sustained in future using the "air-breathers". Sufficient bombers and cruise missiles will be able to get through enemy defences. Yet here is an area where the Warsaw Pact *has* deployed extensive air defences. This is the basis of the major Soviet strategic defence effort (which is often referred to by administration spokesmen as justification for the US anti-ballistic missile effort). The US has no serious air defences and those in the rest of Nato are limited.

None the less, despite all defensive advantages on the other side, the US is placing confidence in its capabilities and experience with bombers and cruise missiles, and in the new "stealth" technology which will make these systems harder to detect. There is no evidence in all this that the US truly believes we are on the verge of a shift in the balance of advantage in strategic weapons from the offensive to the defensive.

There is still no clear sense of ultimate objectives. The president clings to his long-term "vision" of rendering nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete, while much of the research is actually being devoted to protecting military assets (such as missile silos, command and control centres and air bases) and even to protecting such assets in Europe. No clear favourites have yet emerged in terms of the technological bases for eventual strategic defences, though setting priorities cannot be delayed much longer. Congress is unlikely to be generous with SDI funding, though equally unlikely to cut it off completely.

In addition, SDI is weakened by its lack of widespread political support. Pressure to demonstrate visibly that technical progress is being made results in somewhat contrived "experiments" designed to prove that SDI is getting somewhere rather than actually moving the research along.

SDI has failed to convince the independent scientific community, and much of the Nato establishment, that it is worthwhile for much more than hedging against a Soviet SDI. There is certainly an interest in what is happening within the research programme irrespective of what it yields for strategic defence. It is a stimulus to US high technology and important for that reason alone — because of the potential consequences for civilian and conventional-military technology. That is why western European governments and companies have been so anxious to participate, and why many otherwise sceptical Americans are happy to see it go on. But these arguments may not sustain the initiative should the question arise of whether it should move into ever more expensive and difficult development and testing phases.

Gorbachov's advisers may be forced to conclude that the main thing going for SDI is the hostility of the Soviet Union. The clinching argument for the proponents is that anything that worries the Soviet leaders so much cannot be all that bad, and that if it draws concessions from the Kremlin in the course of negotiations then it is worth sustaining for that reason alone. By making such a fuss about SDI the Soviet Union has helped turn it into a "bargaining chip".

Gorbachov may insist that he cannot ignore SDI. The US is technologically so superior: how can anyone be so sure that it will fail here? Certainly there can be no question of allowing SDI to work by reducing offensive forces down to the level where it could actually cope. Although Gorbachov wants restraints, he might be tempted to discover whether a more relaxed Soviet attitude would undermine SDI faster than promising great things in arms control if only it were abandoned.

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Alan Franks

Slouching to St Ives

Although a walkaholic for 20 years I can report a fresh spring in my stride after stumbling upon a small new clump of books on the apparently simple yet frequently complex matter of getting about England on foot. They are the work of Ken Ward, who began long-distance walking — or rather marching — as a paratrooper during the Second World War.

He has called his six-volume series *Footpath Touring*, and it is, with respect, an idiot's guide to travelling, section by gentle section, along some of the best stretches of long-distance rights of way in the country.

I test-strode one of these recently, around the toe and into the instep of Cornwall, in the company of Ken Ward, his wife Margaret, my own wife Susan, and an enthusiastic band of mature (in many cases mature to the point of retirement) Americans and Canadians.

The great thing about Ward's guides is that they have identified bits — often quite remote bits — of walking terrain and then proceed to do all the donkey work for you; not merely step-by-step advice on the route, but also catalogues of transport minutiae, telephone numbers of hotels along the way, right down to the addresses of what he terms his "guardian angels", such as the local farmers who will allow weather-worn walkers to come in and telephone for a taxi upon production of a guide book. These are books which come as near as books can to holding the reader's hand.

More to the point, they have managed to find an important gap within one of the biggest specialist publishing booms of the past 20 years. For Ward addresses himself to that area of walking which I would describe, not facetiously I swear, as "gerrymandering," by which I mean only a compression of geriatric meandering.

The Sports Council now estimates that six million people walk regularly for walking's sake, and it attributes the growth of this partly to the leisure time enjoyed by an increasingly healthy population over the age of 55.

Ward is a placid and implausible 60-year-old, whose rationale has two main strands, one of which smacks of moralism as soundly as does the other of hedonism. That is to say, he believes that we have a certain duty, towards ourselves as well as towards our friends and dependents, to keep ourselves in trim, while at the same time he extols the simple pleasures of being out in a far reach of the countryside when there is no one else about. It is not quite the strange coalition of ideals as it might first appear.

He also has a delightfully accurate appraisal of the way in which his fellow humans use, or rather fail to use, the pair of legs with which they were issued at birth. It runs as follows: "You see these people striding along, working their arms for all they're worth. Terrible waste of energy. They think they're walking, but they're not really. To walk properly, and for long distances, the essence is to do less, not more work. You have to lean forward a little, so that the legs are allowed to swing through naturally. The arms have nothing to do with it."

During the weekend I spent with him, between Falmouth and St Ives, he was clearly getting the point across to his transatlantic clientele, the youngest of whom was a rather gamine county court judge, aged 43, called Cissy. As we walked, and Ward talked, you could almost see the purposeful stride of competition give way to the energy-conserving slouch of acceptance.

Long may Ward remain a beneficiary of three other Ws: walking, working and writing.

Ken Ward's six guides (Exmoor, Lakeland, Land's End and Lizard, Cotswolds, Coast-to-coast from Cumbria to Yorkshire, and Provence) are published by Jarrold Publications at £1.95 each.

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GORBACHOV'S THERMIDOR?

With his proposal yesterday that officials of the Soviet Communist Party be elected in future by secret ballot, Mr Gorbachov is broaching potentially the most radical change that the world's first communist state has yet countenanced. It is a proposal which goes against so much communist canon, so much party tradition, that it is almost breath-taking. It is also the one measure which, if carried through to its conclusion, could eventually spell the end of communist power.

But that is to run ahead, to become – as Lenin might have said – dizzy with the possibilities. Caution is in order. The proposal for secret ballots has yet to be approved by the Central Committee – something not guaranteed even to a proposal from the Party leader. Even if it should be approved in principle, its scope is (and may remain) unspecific. Mr Gorbachov's proposal relates to the introduction of secret ballots for party secretaries, including first secretaries, at and above district level. He made no mention of lower level party organizations, nor of national elections.

There is also the not insignificant matter of implementation. The Soviet Constitution has been described as the most democratic in the world. Its translation into practice has long belied that description. What price secret ballots unless there is more than one name on the ballot paper and fewer posts to be filled than nominations?

Mr Gorbachov mentioned that if the proposal were to be adopted, party committees would decide how many names to enter on the ballot paper. But that leaves existing party bureaucrats with their powers little diminished, unless – in an equally radical departure – they were to be required to submit themselves for re-election and their own terms of office were to be fixed. That, however, is not apparently envisaged as yet.

Yet the very suggestion that the present Soviet system of electing communist party officials – and hence the country's leaders – is in any way deficient represents a notable departure in itself. The present procedure, whereby the respective party committee decides behind closed doors who is to be nominated, then submits the names for automatic approval by members, has been a hallowed part of the party's practice almost since its inception.

It derives from the notion that the party elite (held to embody the distillation of party spirit) consists of the best people to formulate policy and determine their successors. That assumes an element of honour and altruism among party officials which has long been absent from most areas of Soviet political life. The genuine idealism which inspired many of the first generation of Bolsheviks has been supplanted, as even Soviet comment concedes, by self-seeking careerism. The party elite has become a self-perpetuating ruling caste, hostile to new ideas that might challenge its power.

As the Italian Communist Party recognized – to the chagrin of Soviet ideologists – after the declaration of martial law in Poland six years ago, the Soviet Communist Party in its present form is incapable of renewing itself. Yet renewal is what the Soviet Union desperately needs if it is to claim its place as a superpower into the next century. And as Mr Gorbachov has now implicitly acknowledged, that renewal will have to start with the elite. It will also have to incorporate elements of a commodity that has been much criticized by Moscow in the past: Western style democracy.

Four weeks ago, we ventured the question "if..." If the Soviet Union were to become a democratic state, if it were to join the mainstream of international life, what would that mean – for the people of the Soviet Union and for the West? That one question, which incorporated specific criticisms of the way the Soviet Union at present conducts its affairs, elicited a hostile rebuttal from the Soviet Communist Party paper Pravda, suggesting that it had touched a raw nerve.

Were the proposal for secret ballots to be accepted, were it to be adopted in subsequent Soviet elections for Party and government officials, and were the voting to be genuinely secret, and not simply a gesture designed to make the Soviet Union merely *look* democratic, the Soviet Union would at least be moving in the direction of democracy. We might then be able to contemplate asking not "if...", but "when". We cannot do so yet.

HOW ANDERTON HELPS THE LEFT

It would be a curious irony indeed if Mr James Anderton's behaviour as chief constable of Greater Manchester were to increase support for the Labour Party's campaign to subject police forces to greater political control. But it is undeniable that the spectacle of the chief constable of a major force declaring that he is God's prophet is unlikely to increase public confidence that he is listening to the voice of the community.

Most people rightly believe that alongside independence from politicians, policemen should place some importance on answering to the community they serve. At a time when the Labour Party has drafted a fresh manifesto for its local government conference early next month, which suggests greater power for elected representatives to "supervise" the police, any chief constable who by ill-considered statements brings that possibility closer, is asking for trouble.

It is idle to pretend that the theory and practice of the relations between police and government are in perfect balance. The relationship is unclear, partially secret and cannot be defined in a way which survives changes of circumstance. Local police "authorities" have limited financial oversight and otherwise merely advise chief constables. The Home Secretary has few formal powers but exercises considerable *de facto* leverage. Chief constables are independent in their own areas but are increasingly dependent on their fellow chief officers to cope with crimes and disorders which do not respect county boundaries. In this tripartite system an alliance of any two parties can usually force a retreat by the third.

But the fact that the present state of affairs has evolved piecemeal does not mean that it is in need of reform along Labour lines. The issue in Labour's eyes is not advice, communication or even "supervision"; it is power. If its latest document were to be taken at face value, Labour wants a new answer to the old question: "Who at the end of the day takes the decision when all the talking has to stop?"

The short answer to that is and has to remain: chief constables. The principal overseer of the quality of their decisions must be the Home Secretary. The Police Act may not have anticipated all developments of the last two decades, but it did recognise something far more important – that the political side of this delicate power balance should be broad and national rather than narrow and local. The intention of the Act was to minimise the risks of illegitimate political interference in the neutral enforcement of law. And it has.

To take the most generous possible view of Labour's proposals, making police forces accountable to elected local representatives might put through a desirable reform of local policing policy here or there. But this small advantage would be bought at a high price; policing would be supervised by the likes of Mr Bernie Grant and Ms Linda Bellos.

The search for the best arrangements is the search for an imperfect compromise between society's elected leaders and its policemen. The former should always have some influence over broad long-term policy, relations between the police and society and over resources, but they should have as little opportunity as possible to interfere on the ground. The latter will always wish to maximize their autonomy but it cannot be unlimited.

The maintenance of this balance, however, places a heavy responsibility on the Home Office to ensure that policing is responsive to the public it serves. The best use of local liaison committees requires hard work and imagination. Senior officers are not all instinctively open to local opinion. The public still requires satisfying that the police complaints system works as well as it can.

Politicians who wish to improve the relationship between police and government would spend their time better wrestling with these tougher issues than with slogans about democratic accountability. Many senior Labour politicians understand the issues of policing a free society; but they find it hard to voice that understanding for fear of the left. For proof one need look no further than our own front door.

STAYING ON IN LEBANON

It is a tribute to the effort and achievement of Mr Terry Waite that concern for his welfare in Lebanon has spread beyond family and Church to affect a more universal parish. This concern reflects not just the respect which he has won, but the environment which he has entered.

Yet within the cauldron of political and religious enmity in modern Lebanon also live 166 British nationals – the rump of the much larger community that existed during happier days in the Levant. Only one British subject remains outside Beirut, while 138 are in the Eastern, mainly Christian half of the city. While there must be unease for their safety, concern is more naturally focused on the other 27, comprising 14 families, who remain in the Muslim enclave to the West.

Of 76 foreigners who have been kidnapped in Beirut in recent times, 26 are, as far is known, still being held. Thirteen of them have been seized by one extremist grouping or another since Mr Waite began his latest mission to the country. Is there anything one can do to end this threat?

Kidnapping by ruthless zealots in Beirut is not a new phenomenon. What *is* different today is that they seek their hostages among Beirut's dwindling international community. Securing their release is a difficult and dangerous business in which success can at best be limited.

In Washington the chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, a liberal Democrat, has talked of military action against Lebanon, if that government's complicity should be proved. This is perhaps unlikely. But a retaliatory attack on terrorist camps in the Bekaa valley, which the French carried out in 1984 and which Dr Henry Kissinger has been suggesting this week, cannot be ruled out.

That response might be open to a superpower. Britain, however, has more restricted options. Whitehall can hardly order British subjects to leave Lebanon. Indeed, all the families in West Beirut have yet again refused to leave despite being advised to do so. Some of them have lived all their lives in the country and have no other home.

But the circumstances are now such that the Government should renew its warning to them that in the event of their being kidnapped, little can be done to get them back. This is a fact of life which must be apparent to the people themselves. But they should also understand that there are no concessions which this country could or should make on their behalf.

In most circumstances, it is not the practice of the Foreign Office to turn its back on those who run undue risks. As far as possible, British nationals should enjoy the protection of the Crown wherever they may be. But a clear restatement of British policy, which acknowledged the near-impossibility of negotiating the release of hostages in Lebanon, might be the best service one could perform for them. It would at least tell those who persecute them that they stand to gain nothing by their action.

The results of Mr Waite's mission remain yet to be seen. One must hope he will succeed and come home safely. Should he fail, however, one must question the wisdom of further expeditions of this kind. They are expeditions to a country at war with itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Starting point for schools reform

From Mr A. B. Cram and Dr F. A. J. Macdonald

Sir, May we add a Scottish dimension to the educational debate initiated by Mr Kenneth Baker? As we understand it, the Secretary of State for Education and Science wishes to encourage reform in three main areas – the reintroduction of direct, as distinct from local authority, funding; the greater involvement of parents in the management of schools; and the devolution of more decision-making to local school level.

Meanwhile, north of the border, there exists a school ideally placed to pioneer all three reforms. Jordanhill College School, Glasgow, attached to Jordanhill College of Education, has been well used (and still is) by the college for teacher training purposes. However, the college governors, under pressure from the Scottish Office, in turn under pressure from the Public Accounts Committee, have been forced to concede that the school is not strictly needed for the carrying out of teacher training functions.

This has created a funding and a management crisis for a school with a capacity roll of 1,100 pupils aged from five to 18, and a waiting list of 1,300.

Last August the Secretary of State for Scotland proposed that the school become independent and fee-paying, but this is rejected by parents and staff on the grounds that it would fundamentally alter the school's character as a neighbourhood school serving a natural catchment area within the west end of Glasgow. The obvious public-sector option of transfer to the local authority also has difficulties in its way.

Faced with this situation the parent teacher association, encouraged by Mr Baker's initiatives in England, has put forward to the Scottish Office a proposal that the school be funded directly by the Government and its management entrusted to a governing body comprising parents, staff and local community interests.

Here is a splendid opportunity for Government aspirations to be translated immediately into action.

Yours sincerely,
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Separate sixths

From the Headmaster of Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon

Sir, The Principal of Halesowen College acknowledges in his letter (January 14) that parents "almost invariably" dislike separating sixth forms from the rest of the school.

He attributes this rather contemptuously to selfishness and ignorance, but it is more likely that parents recognise only too well that sixth forms have a benign and powerful influence on those below the age of 16; that students from more insecure backgrounds are more likely to continue their education beyond 16 in a familiar setting; that TVEI (Technical and Vocational Education Institute) and pre-vocational courses are best planned across the 14-18 age range; that it rarely makes sense for late developers to transfer to another institution for a one-year course which may be a bridge to A level; that local folk do not want established schools of high repute to be disorganised; and that there are real dangers that a precipitous introduction of tertiary education will go ahead without the confidence of teachers and parents and without sufficient consideration of the long-term implications for schools and education as a whole.

Yours sincerely,
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HMI reports

From the Headmaster of Kesteven & Sleaford High School for Girls

Sir, In your article on the reports of her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools (January 16) you state, "their report appears about six months later". That is no doubt the theory; the practice unfortunately is different.

In the middle of November, 1985, this school was host to a team of HMI whose report, 14 months later, we still await. The printers, we understand, are busy, but it is a long time to wait to hear either the worst or the best.

The purposes of Inspectors' reports include, presumably, the encouragement and facilitation of good practice as well as the eradication of bad practice. This has implications for those within the schools and for groups outside them, including the providers, at local and national level, of the physical and human resources.

In our case the helpful informal discussions of HMI with staff and governors took care of the former, whilst the latter, our external partners, remain unenlightened and must be tempted to treat less seriously what, when it arrives, will seem to be an historical document.

The inability of the Department of Education and Science to keep to its own timetables is just another piece of evidence that, not only in schools, the lack of proper funding for public services must inevitably lead to inefficiency.

Yours faithfully,
N.W.McFARLANE, Headmaster,
Kesteven & Sleaford High School for Girls, Sleaford, Lincolnshire.
January 27.

Kidney shortfall

From Mr T. H. Cheshire

Sir, Your leader, "From death to life" (January 19), states the case fairly on the deplorable shortfall in available kidneys for transplant. But there is another aspect which needs to be aired and of which, as a diagnosed kidney failure patient, I have become aware.

A senior GP in a progressive country practice vouchsafed to me recently, in response to my question, that if he or any of his partners were offered a pair of kidneys from the terminally ill, he was prepared to bet that none would have a notion as to the procedure to be adopted for acceptance; and even if that were overcome, in the event, his experience demonstrated that referring the subject to hospital doctors for action was likely to be met by a lukewarm response – that invariably they were too fully occupied or did not have the specialist technique available.

Perhaps the royal medical colleges working party should look urgently at the standard of communications between GPs and their renal unit colleagues throughout the country.

Yours faithfully,
T. H. CHESHIRE,
11 The Quadrangle,
Morden College,
Blackheath, SE3.

Care for disabled

From Mr Dafydd Wigley, MP for Caernarfon (Plaid Cymru)

Sir, In July royal assent was given to the Disabled Persons Act 1986. I was a sponsor of the original Bill and the Act, which was introduced by Tom Clarke, MP, with all-party support, reached the statute book despite a lukewarm attitude from the Government.

But in order to bring the Act fully into force there are now needed commencement orders. The Government have still not given a commitment to introduce these orders, nor have they given any assurance that they will fund the £100million per annum needed to help disabled people when the Act is fully operational.

The provisions of the Act are to ensure that the individual needs of disabled people are answered in a more effective and planned manner. It helps provide that those leaving institutional care to live in the community are given adequate support services. It also enables disabled people to have a representative to speak up on their behalf in dealings with public authorities.

Of critical importance, the Act will require the needs of carers to be taken into account. Very often, those caring for sick, elderly and disabled people have minimal support and yet their untiring work enables a disabled person to remain at home rather than have to move into institutional care. This unpaid army of selfless people would at last have some formal recognition under the provisions of the 1986 Act.

It is a sad reflection on the values of the present Government that the Chancellor should be preparing a giveaway Budget at the very time that he cannot – or will not – afford the relatively small sum needed to make this Act fully operational.

Yours etc,
DAFYDD WIGLEY,
House of Commons.
January 21.

Bill of rights

From Sir James Fawcett, QC

Sir, On February 6 the House of Commons will at last have the opportunity of providing for the better protection of human rights in the United Kingdom, when it debates the Human Rights Bill presented by Sir Edward Gardner with wide all-party support. Similar Bills have already been passed more than once by the House of Lords.

Your leader of December 12 on this subject called the European Convention on Human Rights – by which her Majesty's Government has already been bound for 33 years, and which Sir Edward's Bill now seeks to incorporate into our domestic law – "vague" and "imprecise". I can only tell you that, during my 22 years as a member of the European Commission of Human Rights, for nine of which I served as its president, we did not find it so, nor do I have any reason to suppose that her Majesty's judges will find it any more difficult to interpret and apply than we did.

I hope, therefore, that the House of Commons will not be deterred by this argument – nor by Colonel Draper's assertion (January 5) that Mr Paul Sieghart (December 29) was guilty of "major historical errors" when he compared the European Convention with Magna Carta. The comparison was perfectly valid; indeed the great Maitland himself (whom Colonel Draper cites) said in the *History of English Law*, which he wrote jointly with Pollock, that Magna Carta was

> ... a sacred text, the nearest approach to a "fundamental statute" that England has ever had ... in brief it means this, that the king is and shall be below the law.

More than seven centuries later, that is precisely the principle which Sir Edward Gardner's Bill now seeks to restate, in language better adapted to our own times.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES FAWCETT,
2 Hare Court, Temple, EC4.

Checks on local value for money

From the Controller of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales

Sir, I read your leader on January 15 ("A task half done") with interest. You raised a very important question which warrants an answer: What is being done to ensure that the value-improvement opportunities apparently available within the public service are delivered?

The Audit Commission deals only with local authorities in England and Wales. In this part of the public sector, at least, your readers can be reassured that machinery is in place to ensure that the potential management improvements are implemented.

As part of their annual audits of authorities' accounts, the auditors appointed by the commission investigate the extent to which their client authorities are achieving the standards of good management practice set out in the commission's various reports; and where there are substantial local opportunities, detailed recommendations are drawn up and agreed with the local council.

Every year some 1,400 local projects are completed. Implementation progress is then tracked every six months or so. Over the last four years, the commission has looked at subjects ranging from housing maintenance to purchasing and from services for the elderly to further education.

During the present round of audits, auditors will be considering what has been achieved over the past four years in each authority to secure better value for local residents and ratepayers. There is no reason why these reports should not be available to the local public – and every reason why they should be.

As the commission's most recent annual report made clear, the performance of local authorities in securing better value for money over the past four years has been commendable: the commission has so far identified value-improvement opportunities that will be worth over £2billion a year, once they have been fully implemented; and our information suggests that in most authorities these are being pursued energetically and effectively.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BANHAM, Controller,
The Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales,
1 Vincent Square, SW1.
January 23.

Aids and morals

From the Reverend B. E. Harbert

Sir, Christian commentators on the Aids crisis rightly indicate the need for a return to traditional values regarding marriage and family life. But there are people who will never find happiness in the married state, and it is a mistake to encourage them to embrace it. To help them, the Church needs to renew her esteem for another traditional value, that of friendship.

We have become reluctant to speak of chaste friendship and inhibited in its expression: Freud's uncovering of the sexual component in all our relationships is partly to blame. As a result, the Church has fallen silent about a valuable element in her heritage.

Christianity learnt from the ancient writers, in particular Plato, Aristotle and Cicero, a high regard for friendship; it was extolled by many of the Fathers and medieval authors, including Thomas Aquinas and the English Abbot Ailred, whose *On Spiritual Friendship* is a classic.

Friendship can flourish between members of the same or of opposite sexes. In a society where the language of love has been corrupted it will often be misunderstood. It requires self-control and sacrifice. It is not always won without struggles and falls. But Christian tradition shows that the road to happiness for some lies through friendship without marriage, and that such people, whether publicly consecrated to celibacy or not, have an honoured place in the Church.

The value and dignity of friendship should be at the centre of the Church's message to homosexual people: otherwise her response to their predicament runs the risk of appearing purely negative.

Yours faithfully,
BRUCE HARBERT,
The University of Sussex,
Meeting House,
Falmer,
Brighton,
Sussex.

Election phases

From Mr E. M. Syddique

Sir, In your leader today (January 21) you comment that the Irish Republic has produced more elections and more changes of government than is good for any country.

Since the Second World War, the United Kingdom has had 12 general elections, nine different prime ministers and 16 changes of government, if one includes changes of prime minister during the life of a Parliament. By comparison during the same period, the Irish Republic has had 12 general elections, seven different prime ministers and 14 changes of government, if one includes changes of prime minister during the life of a Dail.

It is true that during the 10-year period, 1972-1982, there were five general elections in the Irish Republic, but during the 10-year period 1964-1974, the United Kingdom also had five general elections, which appears to suggest that countries go through phases.

Yours sincerely,
E. M. SYDDIQUE,
42 St Martins Drive,
Eynsford,
Dartford, Kent.
January 21.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 28 1905

Harrow School, with a list of distinguished old boys that includes Peel, Palmerston, Shaftesbury, Byron, Trollope and Cardinal Manning, had changed as much as the countryside surrounding it since 1571 when John Lyon was granted a charter by Queen Elizabeth to build a school "for the education of the poor children of Harrow". The Reverend Joseph Wood was headmaster from 1898-1910

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[SAVING HARROW'S ENVIRONMENT]

Year by year the great wilderness of houses which is London continues to spread over the face of the surrounding country. Country villages become suburbs, and presently, as new railroads, tubes, or electric tramways bring them in closer touch with the centre, themselves acquire all the characteristics of purely urban districts. As a rule the old inhabitants are absorbed and disappear in the new population. But there are many to whom space and fresh air and all the other concomitants of country life are essentials, and these, unless they possess enough land of their own to be indifferent to what encircles it, or enough wealth to despise the offers of the speculative builder, are forced to uproot themselves from their old homes and old associations and migrate elsewhere. This process applies no less to institutions than to individuals, and to none more than to the great public schools which, whatever the deficiencies of their methods of instruction, yet exercise so great and valuable an influence upon the formation – one is almost tempted to say the standardization – of the national character. One after another the great schools in the centre of London have realised this and have transferred themselves to new surroundings. Charterhouse migrated many years ago, the Bluecoat School and King's College School have followed since. But even schools that a few years ago were in the heart of the country have now to face the same problem. Unless they can secure for themselves sufficient open space in which to preserve their normal life and essential character, they are forced to move further afield, with all the sacrifice of old associations and traditions that such a move implies.

How this difficult problem is being solved in the case of one of England's greatest historic schools is set forth in the letter from Dr. WOOD, the Headmaster of Harrow, which appeared in our columns yesterday. Within the memory of most of our readers Harrow was a little country place on a hilltop, most easily accessible by a seven miles drive through open country. To-day the country road is an almost continuous street, and on all sides Greater London is closing in upon the pleasant fields that once surrounded JOHN LYON'S school ... It is the hill itself, rising up to the ancient spire of Harrow Church – from whose little churchyard the eye commands a view of English landscape not easily to be surpassed – which is of the very essence of Harrow, as it has always been. And, as the hill cannot be transplanted, the school must stay. Foreseeing this, patriotic Harrovians began nearly twenty years ago to urge the acquisition of land round the school. During BISHOP WELLDON'S reign a series of generous benefactors and subscribers enlarged the narrow boundaries of the school's possessions by some 160 acres ... Two or three years ago Harrovians began to realize that far bolder measures were required, if the essential character of the school was to be preserved. Owing to the initiative of Dr. WOOD, a movement was set on foot for the purchase of some 250 acres adjoining the school football fields. This purchase has now been virtually completed, largely, as LORD GEORGE HAMILTON, one of the Governors of the school, informs us to-day, owing to the generosity of the HEADMASTER himself. With this addition, Harrow ought to be able to face the future without fear. Not only will it have ample open space for recreation, but it will permanently retain the beauty of its outlook. At least a mile of fields and trees will intervene between the school terrace and the encroaching city, while northwards, away from London, no spread of houses below can ever wholly shut out the distant view of the green heart of England from the churchyard on the hilltop. The purchase has been effected not without some difficulty, and only at the cost of a heavy mortgage on the newly acquired land, to redeem which both Dr. WOOD and LORD GEORGE HAMILTON appeal to the Harrovians among our readers. That they should succeed in this appeal seems eminently desirable ...

City upset

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Miles Kington says ("Keeping the record bent", January 26) that there is no anagram for "Guinness".

How about "ensuings"? It's in the *OED* and there still seem to be plenty of them in the present affair.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
173 The Causeway,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
January 26.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

January 27: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President, the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this afternoon visited Raemar Dresses Ltd, New Road, Crook, County Durham.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Durham (the Lord Barnard), the Managing Director of Raemar Dresses Ltd (Mr C. Radin) and the Chairman (Mr M. Radin).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Scottish Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year 1986 Dinner at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Glasgow (Mr Robert Gray, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) and the Managing Director, Alloa Brewery Company (Mr J. Mackenzie).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, attended by Mrs Malcolm Wallace, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE

January 27: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Special Unit for Deaf/Visually Handicapped Children at Whitefield School, MacDonald Road, London, E17.

Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

January 27: The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, this morning opened the Help the Hospices Conference "Children Facing Death" at the Royal College of Physicians, London NW1.

Miss Sarah Partridge was in attendance.

The King of Saudi Arabia will pay a state visit from March 24 to 27.

The Prince of Wales will visit Swaziland, Malawi and Kenya from March 27 to April 2.

The Duchess of York will attend a performance of *Kiss Me Kate* at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, on February 5, in aid of the Church of England Children's Society.

The Duchess of York, patron, will attend the National Association of Flower Arrangements Societies' "World Association Flower Arrangers Competition Preview Party" at Porchester Hall, Queensway, on February 3.

Viscountess Lifford, widow of the eighth Viscount Lifford, wishes to be known as Mary Viscountess Lifford.

Mr L. Jaspers, Ambassador of Belgium to Pakistan, has conferred on Mr Ahmed E.H. Jaffer the Belgian Knight of the Royal Order of the Crown, on behalf of the King of the Belgians.

Birthdays today

Mr Alan Alda, 51; Mr Mikhail Baryshnikov, 39; Miss Enid Castle, 51; Sir Oliver Chesterton, 74; Mr John Edmonds, 43; Major-General W.A.F.L. Fox-Pitt, 91; Sir Anthony Garner, 60; Miss F.J. Gumley, 32; Mr J.D. Hughes, 60; Mr Alfred Marks, 66; Mr Ronnie Scott, 60; Sir Trevor Skeet, MP, 69; Professor John Tavener, 43; the Rev B.R. White, 53; Lord Windlesham, 55.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain M. Hatcher
and Miss G.D. Salter

The engagement is announced between Michael Hatcher, of Singapore, and Ghilslaine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.F. Salter, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr D.G. Jones
and Miss J.C. Colborne-Malpas

The engagement is announced between Dylan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Glynn Jones, of Collingtree, Northamptonshire, and Carey, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Colborne-Malpas, of London, SW1.

Mr S.J. MacKinnon
and Miss M.Y. Song

The engagement is announced between Simon John, son of Mr and Mrs J. MacKinnon, of Guildford, Surrey, and Mary Yan, daughter of Professor and Dr Song, of Shanghai.

Mr J. Papadakis
and Miss F.C. Della-Porta

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. Papadakis, of Wallingford, Berkshire, and Francesca, daughter of Mr Gerald Della-Porta, of Newton Harcourt, Leicestershire, and the late Mrs Marion Della-Porta (née Brand).

Mr J.A. Rogerson
and Miss P.A. McMullan

The engagement is announced between Jim, son of Gerald and Winifred Rogerson, of Barnsley, Yorkshire, and Anne, daughter of Michael and Jane McMullan, of London, NW11.

Mr A.J. Saunders
and Miss J. Talbot-Ponsonby

The engagement is announced between Andrew Saunders and Jessica Talbot-Ponsonby, both of London, W11. The marriage will take place in September in Cornwall.

Mr R.D.M. Stewart
and Miss P.A. Royle

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Captain and Mrs J. Stewart, of Higher Kinnerton, North Wales, and Anne, younger daughter of Professor J.K. Royle and the late Mrs P.R. Royle, of Baslow, Derbyshire.

Marriage

Mr N.E. Underhill
and Miss N.C.M. Grunfeld

The marriage took place on Friday, January 16, in Sydney, New South Wales, between Mr Nicholas Underhill, eldest son of Judge Michael Underhill, QC, and Mrs Underhill, and Miss Nina Grunfeld, daughter of Mr Ernst Grunfeld and Mrs Gitta Grunfeld.

Sale room

£4,400 for 1931 silver bowl

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The silver section gave Christie's sale of 20th-century British works of art its sparkle yesterday. Prices ran sharply ahead of expectations. A punch bowl made by Omar Ramsden in 1931 in pseudo-Medieval spirit sold for £4,400 (estimate £1,200-£1,500) to Hancock and Co, London dealers.

Ramsden is a name to conjure with among collectors of silver and jewellery. This punch bowl is supported by horned and winged heads. Its olde worlde style is underlined by the inscription which runs: "I was wrought by command of Waldo W. Skinner for Loulou F.Skinner his wife to mark the feast of Noel".

A Ramsden and Carr tea caddy and spoon, also of 1931, sold for £1,650 (estimate £700-£900) while two very ordinary arts and crafts silver picture frames of 1903 made £1,485 (estimate £600-£800) and £1,430 (estimate £500-£700).

De Morgan pottery also attracted unlooked for high prices. A deep bowl decorated by Fred Passenger in blue and silver lustre with mystical birds and flowers made £3,960 (estimate £1,000-£1,500); a six-tile panel of a wise old owl among anemones reached £3,520 (estimate £1,200-£1,500).

British arts and crafts are generally more difficult to sell than their Continental counterparts, let alone American pieces, which appeal to an international body of collectors. Yesterday's sale had 18 per cent left unsold and a total of £126,962.

The furniture, as predicted, brought the top prices of the day. An Ernest Gimson walnut bureau cabinet on stand of around 1906 made £11,000 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and a Sidney Barnsley walnut bookcase made £8,700 (estimate £7,000-£9,000).

In New York on Monday Christie's scored a near sell-out with an auction of English pottery and Wedgwood. The sale made £144,746 with only two per cent unsold. American collectors adopted Wedgwood more than a decade ago and the American trade turned out in force for Christie's sale.

A Wedgwood black and white jasper copy of the the Portland vase by John Northwood, dating from around 1878, made $27,500 (estimate $20,000-$30,000), or £17,742, to a New York dealer.

The other big rarity was a two foot copy of an Apuleian vase made around 1800 in black basalt with encaustic decoration. It made $20,900 (estimate $12,000-$18,000), or £13,484, to a dealer from Connecticut.

Luncheons

Law Society

Mr John Wickerson, President of the Law Society, was host at a luncheon held at 60 Carey Street yesterday. Among those present were:

Mr Justice Scott, Sir William Clark, MP, Mr Peter Scott, QC, Mr R H Lawson, Mr E P T Roney, Mr D J Ross, Mr James Morton, Mr Derek Bradbeer (vice-president), Mr Philip Ely, Mr John Bowron (secretary general) and Mr John Hayes (secretary general designate).

Glovers's Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were presented with a selection of British-made gloves by Mr Harold Walker, Master of the Glovers's Company, at a livery luncheon held yesterday at Stationers' Hall. The gloves were made by Mr Michael Strawbridge and Mrs Melba Rose.

Wheelwrights' Company

Mr J.A.F. Taylor, Master of the Wheelwrights' Company, presided at a court luncheon held yesterday at Fishmongers' Hall. Colonel and Alderman Greville Spratt and Mr C.B. Davis also spoke.

Receptions

Committee of Registered Clubs Associations

The chairman of the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations, Mr Derek Dormer, and Mrs Dormer were hosts last night at a reception in honour of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Non Profit-Making Members' Clubs, which was held in the Speaker's House by permission of the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, who were present. Other guests included:

Lord Brooks of Tremorfa (secretary), Mr Michael Cocks, MP, Mr Roy Mason, MP, Mr Alf Morris, MP, Mr Merlyn Rees, MP, Mr Harold Walker, MP, Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr David Ashby, MP, Mr Gordon Bagier, MP, Mr Roland Boyes, MP, Mr Peter Bruinvels, MP, Mr David Clark, MP, Mr David Clelland, MP, Mr Donald Coleman, MP, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, MP, Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, Mr Jack Dormand, MP, Mr John Evans, MP, Mr Michael Fallon, MP, Mr Eric Forth, MP, Mr Peter Fry, MP, Mr Barry Jones, MP, Mr Greg Knight, MP, Mr James Lamond, MP, Mr Ted Leadbitter, MP, Mr Geoff Lofthouse, MP, Mr Alan McKay, MP, Mr John McWilliam, MP, Mr Michael Meadowcroft, MP, Mr Bill O'Brien, MP, Mr Terry Patchett, MP, Mr Barry Porter, MP, Mr Ray Powell, MP, Mr Andy Stewart, MP, Mr John Thompson, MP, Mr John Watts, MP, Mr Mick Welsh, MP, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, MP, Mr K Forbes, Mr and Mrs J Hole, Mr and Mrs J Johnson, Mr and Mrs D G Knowles, Mr R C Linstead, Mr and Mrs J. MacKenzie, Mr and Mrs J Raynor, Mr W Thomas and Mr and Mrs B Winters.

Wintrust Securities Ltd

Mr George Szpiro, chairman of Wintrust Securities Ltd, and Mr Richard Szpiro, managing director, were hosts at a reception held at 21 College Hill, EC4, yesterday to mark the opening of the bank's new premises. The guests included:

Mr Ronald Artus, Mr Kenneth Barker, Sir John Barran, Mr Peter Beckwith, Mr John Beckwith, Mr Geoffrey Bell, Mr Ellis Birk, Mr George Blunden, the Earl of Bradford, Sir John Buckley, Mr Mark Cannon Brookes, Mr Peter Cooke, Mr John Craig, Mr William Dacombe, Mr B.B. Dickinson, Mr James Flaherty, Mr Angus Grossart, Mr H. Gruninger, Mr Robin Herbert, Mr G C Hiddleston, Sir Martin Jacomb, Mr Douglas Johnson, Lord Kissin, Sir Bernard Ledwidge, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Mr Sidney Lipworth, Mr Paul Maloy, Mr Alexander Marshall, Sir Kit McMahon, Mr Oliver Michon, Sir Leslie Porter, Mr Edward Ray, Lord Renwick, Lord Francis Russell, Sir Patrick Sergeant, Mr Christopher Sheridan, Mr Thomas Smith, Mr Claude Soudah, Mr Gunter Steffens, Mr David Stevens, Mr P Stormonth Darling, Sir John Terry, Mr Alan Tritton, Mr Patrick Vaughan, Dr Bars Graf von Wallwitz, Mr Stein Wessel-Aas and Lord Wigoder, QC.

Dinner

United and Cecil Club

Mr Norman Tebbit, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and chairman of the Conservative Party, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the United and Cecil Club held at the House of Commons yesterday. Sir Humphrey Atkins, MP, chairman, presided and the Earl of Stockton also spoke.

Latest wills

Sir Moses I. **Finlay**, of Cambridge, Master of Darwin College, 1976-82, left estate valued at £207,382 net.

Mr Anthony Ewart Ledger **Hill**, of Twyford, Hampshire, last chairman of Strong and Co, brewers, left £1,966,373 net.

Mr William John **Bullock**, of Wokingham, Berkshire, company director, left £463,231 net. After bequests totalling £33,000 he left £5,000 and a quarter of the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and a quarter of the residue each to the Sue Ryder Foundation, the London Association for the Blind, and Age Concern.

Memorial services

Dr N.D. Compston

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dr Nigel Dean Compston was held yesterday at All Souls, Langham Place. The Rev Richard Bewes officiated, assisted by the Rev John Sheldon. Sir Peter Tizard, representing the British Paediatric Association, and Dr Tony Richardson read the lessons. Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, President of the Royal College of Physicians, gave an address. Among those present were:

Alastair Compston and Mr and Mrs Robin Compston (sons and daughters-in-law), Polly Compston (granddaughter), Vice-Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Compston (brother and sister-in-law), Judge and Mrs Christopher Compston, Miss Deanne Compston, Mrs B Ronald, Mr Richard Ronald, Mr Nicholas Ronald, Judge Arnold Russell Vick, QC, Mr and Mrs Clive Russell Vick.

Viscount and Viscountess Bearsted, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Ralph and Lady Jackson, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir John Badenoch, Lady Hoffenberg, Sir Douglas and Lady Black, Dame Anne Bryans, Sir John Walton, Sir John Ellis, Sir Richard Bayliss, Dame Josephine Barnes, Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, Sir John Nabarro, Professor Sir Cyril and Lady Clarke.

Dr Anthony Dawson (treasurer, Royal College of Physicians) with Dr D A Pyke, Dr D G Williams, Dr John Lister, Dr A E Read, Mr P A J Ball, Dr J Howel Jones, Dr J D Swales and Dr Lavinia Loughridge; Dr B MacGillivray (dean of the medical School, Royal Free Hospital) with Dr and Mrs J C A Madgwick, Mrs Tony Richardson, Dr and Mrs C Symons, Mr W H W Wells and Miss P Cunningham; Dr Michael Salmon (Stoke Mandeville Hospital), Dr W G Harding, Dr Douglas D C Howat (Royal Masonic Hospital) and Mrs Howat, Mrs John Sheldon, Mr and Mrs G M G Tibbs, Miss I S Rawlings, Mr R Keyworth, Miss J Denny, Dr and Mrs P E Thompson Hancock, Dr Philip and Dr Barbara Evans, Professor Peter Daniel, Professor A W Woodruff, Dr Robert Mahler, Professor and Mrs L P LeQuesne, Dr Dudley Hart, Dr S G Owen, Mr William Slack (Middlesex Hospital Medical School) and Mrs Slack, Mr Dick Newman and Miss Betty Richardson (Beecham Group), Dr Clive Sowry, Dr Esther Simpson and Mr and Mrs B W Taylor.

Professor N.L. Franklin

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Norman Franklin was held at St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday. The Rev Michael Thompson officiated. Mr Robert Franklin, son, and Mrs Martin Nicholls, daughter, read the lessons. Sir John Hill, also representing the Royal Society, gave an address. The French Ambassador was represented by M R. Delbourgo. Among others present were:

Mrs Franklin (widow), Mr Martin Nicholls (son-in-law), Mrs Robert Franklin (daughter-in-law); the Duke of Portland, the Earl of Ilchester (Institution of Nuclear Engineers), Lord Marshall of Goring (Central Electricity Generating Board) and Lady Marshall, Lord and Lady Flowers, Lord Sherfield, Sir Francis Tombs (Engineering Council and also the Institution of Electrical Engineers), Lady Hill, Sir Richard Powell, Lady Gibb, Sir Frederick Warner, Sir Kenneth Hutchison, Sir Charles Cunningham.

Professor Rolf Prince (president, Institution of Chemical Engineers) and Mr Colin MacArthur (Scottish branch); Mr Harry L Yeadon (vice-president, Institution of Civil Engineers), Mr P T Fletcher (Institution of Mechanical Engineers), Dr P Eisenklam (Institute of Energy), Mr J H Smith (Imperial College of Science and Technology), Professor C McGreavy (Leeds University), Mr Toshio Ito (chairman, Japan Atomic Power Company), Mr C E Pugh (National Nuclear Corporation) and Mrs Pugh, Mr J G Collier (chairman, UK Atomic Energy Authority) and Mrs Collier, Mr C G F Harding (chairman, British Nuclear Fuels), Mr J W H Morgan (Amec), Mr D Bartlett (Braun, Santa Fe), Mr I Manley (Department of Energy), Mr J Osola (Fellowship of Engineering), Mr C S Parker (headmaster, Batley Grammar School) with Mr I B Fallows (old boys' association); Mr G Inglis (Urenco, Marlow), Mr L F Bowles (General Electric Company), Mr L Bitner (Worley, Santa Fe), Mr Peter Jelinek (Nukem, Germany), Mrs M Mason (representing the chairman, British Nuclear Forum), Mr M Nakajima (Tokyo Electric Power Company), Mr Hans Mohrhauer (Uranit, Germany), Mr Terence Price (Uranium Institute), Mr E Nagai (Sumitomo Corporation, Japan), Dr and Mrs T N Marsham, Mrs Jane Robertson and Mr and Mrs R Berridge.

Funeral Mass

The Right Rev A. Andrew

The Archbishop of Canterbury was represented by the Provost of Coventry at the funeral Mass for the Right Rev Agnellus Andrew, OFM, celebrated yesterday in Westminster Cathedral. The Archbishop of Liverpool, Vice-President of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, was the principal concelebrant. Mr Alasdair Milne, Director-General of the BBC, and the Dean of Wesminster read the lessons. The other concelebrants were the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, the Archbishops of Southwark, Glasgow, and St Andrews and Edinburgh; the Most Rev John Murphy, the Bishops of Nottingham, Clifton, East Anglia, Arundel and Brighton, Hallam, Menevia, Lancaster and Ferns; the Bishop-in-Ordinary to HM Forces, the Right Rev P J Casey, the Right Rev B C Foley, the Right Rev Gordon Wheeler, the Right Rev J F Cleary, the Right Rev G Burke, the Right Rev D J Mullins, the Right Rev G T Mahon, the Right Rev C J Henderson, the Right Rev P J B Harvey, the Right Rev Kevin O'Connor, the Right Rev John Jukes, the Right Rev J P Crowley and Bishop DuMaine. The Right Rev John Klyberg, representing the Bishop of London, the Very Rev Edward Carpenter, the Rev Hugh Cross, British Council of Churches, and the Rev David Bridge, British Churches Committee for Channel Four Methodist Communications Committee, were robed and in the sanctuary.

Appointments

Mr N.W. Boe, divisional solicitor in the Scottish Office, to succeed Mr R. Brodie as deputy solicitor on promotion to under-secretary from March 1.

Sir Peter Harrop, formerly Second Permanent Secretary in the Department of the Environment, to be a trustee of the British Museum.

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OBITUARY

SIR GEOFFREY EVANS

Veteran commander of desert and jungle

Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Evans, KBE, CB, DSO, former GOC Northern Command, died yesterday at the age of 85.

Evans had a fine war which was spent on almost unremitting active service, through the major battles of Egypt, Libya, and Burma.

Geoffrey Charles Evans was born on March 13, 1901, and went to Aldenham School and Sandhurst from where he was commissioned in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

In the 1920s and 1930s he had the usual run of regimental appointments and in 1937 he passed through the staff college.

On the eve of war he was a lowly captain in a backwater in India. By its end he was a divisional commander, a progress which gives some idea of his capabilities as a leader.

In 1940 he was sent to North Africa with the 11th Indian Infantry Brigade, and took part in the Battle for Sidi Barrani, which surrendered with its Italian garrison in January 1941.

His brigade did not taste the fruits of Marshal Graziani's surrender, however, but was sent to Ethiopia where the task of prising the Italians out of their East African empire proved much more difficult.

Evans always rated the battle for Keren, brilliantly defended by the Italians, as the stiffest he ever had to fight. He won the first of his three DSOs in the attack on the mountain fortress, which succumbed only after an action lasting 53 days.

Thus accomplished, he was immediately sent back to North Africa where the arrival of Rommel had changed the scene dramatically. Victorious British progress was already a thing of the past and Evans, with the 4th Indian Division, was involved in the tough fighting for Sidi Omar. Here, personal gallantry won him the first bar to his DSO.

After the breakout from Benghazi by the 7th Infantry Brigade, he went back to India, where, for a year, he commanded the staff college, Quetta. A turbulent spirit, he chafed in such an appointment. But his combative instincts found their metier when he was sent to Burma.

From that point he was scarcely out of the thick of battle, and his fiery, yet intelligent, leadership of the 123rd Indian Infantry Brigade earned him a second bar to his DSO.

He subsequently commanded the 5th Indian Division, and later the 7th in its 350-mile drive to the Irrawaddy which it crossed on St Valentine's Day 1945, to establish the celebrated Pakkoku bridgehead. This was a decisive factor in the Burma campaign.

After the end of the war Evans stayed in the Far East theatre until April 1946, as GOC British Troops in Siam. Later he was in Hong Kong as temporary commander of British troops. He disliked the take-it-easy atmosphere which, perhaps understandably, prevailed among garrison troops in an untroubled colony, and he initiated rigorous training programmes. These may not have made him popular, but that did not worry him.

His last job was as GOC Northern Command, from 1953 to 1957, when he retired.

But he was no man to ruminate by the fireside. He commanded the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and was a Deputy Lieutenant for London, among many activities.

He also wrote several books about his own experiences, and on military history in general. *The Desert and the Jungle* (1959) recounts his own experiences, and a book on Slim (1969) is very much an insider's view of the 14th Army's campaign.

Among his other works *Tannenberg 1410: 1914* was an interesting comparison of the two Teutonic/Slavonic clashes taking place over the same terrain but separated by a gulf of time and military technology.

Evans was a fighting soldier to his fingertips. He could give his men a rough time, especially in peace time appointments which irked him, but he never asked anyone to do that which he would not do himself. A brusque - even terrifying - exterior, sheltered a warm sense of humour.

He married, in 1928, Ida Louise Sidney. There were no children.

THE REV W. RUSSELL SHEARER

The Reverend W. Russell Shearer, statesman of Methodism, died on January 26. He was 88.

William Russell Shearer was born at Luffenham, Rutland, on October 12, 1898, of Scottish farming stock.

The family went to Harrogate and he first attended the Western School there and became a Yorkshire cricket supporter. He won a scholarship to Harrogate Grammar School, then to Leeds University where he took up lay preaching.

But his academic career was interrupted by the First World War. At the age of 18 he joined up and served with the Royal Tank Corps in France. He was wounded in the 1918 offensive and spent the next year in hospital.

His time in the Army, where he came up against "the coarser side of life", was, he later admitted, "magnificent training for the ministry".

He returned from the trenches to a brilliant academic career, taking a First in English literature at Leeds University in 1921, and then a First in theology at Wesley House, Cambridge. Eric Baker and Harold Roberts, also destined to become presidents, were his colleagues there.

He had intended to enter the civil service but, halfway through his time at Leeds, at a Student Christian Movement conference, he decided to become a candidate for the Wesleyan ministry.

His first appointment was at Tunstall in 1923. The young minister proved so effective that his term was extended to five years - a rare event, especially for one so early in his ministry.

He then went to do missionary work at Chorlton, Manchester, an area of decaying tenements, prostitution, poverty and crime. Five years later he went south to a thriving congregation at Muswell Hill on the Highgate Circuit.

It was while there that he married Phyllis Mary Wigfield, a headmistress. His only regret was that he had not done so sooner.

In 1939 he moved to Sutton, Surrey, and a year later to the Hartley-Victoria College, Manchester, where he had been appointed to the chair of church history. Unfortunately, the college was closed as a result of the war.

In 1940 special problems had arisen in the Potteries and wise leadership was sought, particularly at Hanley. The memory of Shearer's success at Tunstall was still fresh, and local requests for his services were granted.

In 1945 he was appointed district missionary in the old Stoke and Macclesfield District, a post which carried with it the district chairmanship and left him without personal pastoral charge.

His term coincided with many problems of reconstruction and reorganization in the wake of the war, including reorganizing Methodists in Coventry after the blitz.

In 1950 he became chairman of the Birmingham District and for many years exerted an important influence on one of modern Methodism's most successful areas. His stature in the wider counsels of the Church increased with his reputation as a local leader and he was elected to many connexional committees.

He was designated president at the Birmingham Conference of 1953 and thus presided over the London Conference of the following year.

He fulfilled the traditional duty of visiting every British Methodist District during his official year. He also travelled to the Far East, the United States and Africa.

At the start of his year of office his old friend from Cambridge days, Dr Donald (now Lord) Soper, handed him a copy of John Wesley's field Bible.

He was elected Moderator of the National Free Church Federal Council in 1959, and his comments in his inaugural address on the "off beat generation" aroused much attention. He was also a staunch believer in Christian unity.

Shearer's quick-witted good humour never left him. Nor did his Christian charity. Diffident about his prowess, he was a father in God to many younger ministers.

His wife, who was for many years actively associated with the women's work organization of the Methodist Church Overseas Division, died last year. There were no children of the marriage.

MR NORMAN McLAREN

Mr Norman McLaren, one of the most distinguished figures in the history of film animation, died on January 26. He was 72.

In a career that began in his native Scotland and continued in England, the United States and Canada, he was noted for the quantity and inventiveness of his output as well as for his constant innovation.

Even if his urge to experiment sometimes took him down arcane paths, no one has done more to further the possibilities of the medium.

His main contribution to his craft was to perfect the technique - pioneered by another famous animator, Len Lye - of drawing directly on to celluloid. He also worked on a sonic equivalent of direct film, and experimented with films in 3D.

Though best known for his abstracts, he employed other forms, including pastel drawings, to equal effect.

Among many international awards was an Oscar in 1952 for his cartoon, *Neighbours*, an allegory of the futility of violence, in which he animated live actors and used a stop motion technique to give the effect of robots.

McLaren was born at Stirling on April 11, 1914, and started making short films while studying interior design at the Glasgow School of Art.

He turned from documentaries to animation, and in 1936 he was invited by John Grierson, father of the British documentary movement, to join the GPO Film Unit.

In 1939 he emigrated to the United States and, two years later, re-joined Grierson at the recently established National Film Board of Canada.

He became head of the board's animation unit and was able to continue his prolific output with almost total artistic freedom. He became a Canadian citizen in 1952.

Apart from *Neighbours*, his best-known films include *Begone Dull Care*, which was made in 1949 and abolished conventional framing to give his images the fluidity of music, and *Pas de Deux* (1968), in which he used multiple-image photography of the human figure. Much of his work was rarely more than ten minutes long.

MISS HEATHER THATCHER

Miss Heather Thatcher, actress, who died on January 15, was, with her sense of humour and her candid, unsophisticated stage personality, a near-star performer in musical comedy in London during the 1920s and 1930s.

When, at a later stage, she moved into straight comedy, she was seen in the plays of several well-known authors, but hardly made a second career in that field.

Born in London on a date unknown, she appeared in British films in 1916 and afterwards in intimate revue. That year she made her first appearance on the stage, at the Garrick Theatre.

It was soon proved that what she could do best was sustain a character part, together with songs and dance routines, in musical comedy.

She found a series of such opportunities under Grossmith and Malone's management, starting in a small way at the Adelphi and ending up as the partner of the chief comedian, Leslie Henson, in *The Beauty Prize* (1923) and *Tell Me More* (1925) at the Winter Garden.

She was back on the musical stage, wearing Regency costume, in Noël Coward's *Conversation Piece* (His Majesty's, 1934), but had begun by that time to appear chiefly in straight plays.

In this, her part in Ivor Novello's *Full House* (1935), in which she had to wear jodhpurs - and to be put across Miss Isabel Jeans's knee and spanked - was probably her best.

She went to Hollywood for a number of years to appear in films, returning to this country in 1939. The following year she toured in *Full House*, going back to the United States to collect for the British Actors' Equity Relief Fund.

She then spent two years touring for ENSA

In 1953 she was at the Winter Garden again, this time the sole English member of the cast of *Ecoutez Bien, Messieurs*. After that, she gradually retired.

Miss Thatcher was an enchanting and glamorous woman who, in private, always wore a monocle.

MR EWART MILNE

Mr Douglas Cleverdon writes:

I feel that literary historians should not accept Ewart Milne's self-assessment (January 17) as necessarily correct.

In justice to his second wife, Thelma, his "harrowing elegy ... written in the agonized recognition of her infidelity to him, revealed only after her death", deserves a footnote. His own lechery was notorious.

To my wife's astonishment, he made a pass at her within ten minutes of their first meeting; and I vividly recall his indignation and sense of ill-usage when he complained to me that, in his sixties, nubile young women actually rejected his amorous approaches. He attributed this to the selfishness of the younger generation.

It was characteristic of his egoism that, posing as the devoted husband shattered by betrayal, he should rush into print with an elegy defaming his dead wife.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory 1 Corinthians 2 7

BIRTHS

ADDINGTON On January 25th, to Rosemary and Peter, a son Raleigh Thomas.

ALLASON On January 26th, to Nicole and Rupert, a daughter Alexandra Katharine Jane, a sister for Tom

ANDREWS On January 25th 1987, at 2 15am, in Oxford, to Ginger (née Thompson) and Chris, a daughter Carole Elizabeth

BEVAN On January 26th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Lucinda (née Denny) and Jeremy, a son, brother for William and Thomas.

CAIGER-SMITH On January 18th 1987, to Jane and Nicholas, a daughter, Danica

COYLE On January 23rd 1987, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Mary (née Murphy) a son Thomas Michael

ELGOT On January 8th 1987, to Bernice (née Smith) and Howard, a daughter, Jessica Rosanne

ELRINGTON On January 25th 1987 to Alison (née Graham) and Giles Elrington, a daughter

FLANAGHAN On January 25th, to Sarah (née Walworth) and Anthony, a daughter Katharine Frances, a sister for Patrick

GOLDING On January 25th 1987, at The Portland Hospital, to Marie (née Fahey) and Richard, a son, Martin Richard John Deo Gratias.

GUEST On January 25th, at the Portland Hospital, to Nerissa (née Black) and James, a son, Frank Stuart Arthur

HARPER On January 22nd, in Airedale General Hospital, to Joanne (née Dyson) and Christopher, twin sons James Robert and Alexander John

HASELL-McCOSH On January 22nd, to Jane and Robert, a daughter

HEIGHWAY *On January 26th, to Lisa* (née Marshall) and John, a daughter, Elizabeth Louise

HELMORE On January 26th 1987, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Rachel (nee Aykroyd) and Charles, a son

JONES On January 22nd, to Miriam (née Littlewood) and Ben, a son Edwin Mark

MILNE-DAY On January 26th, in Oxford, to Tessa (née Cockin) and Trevor, a son, George, brother for Laura and Olivia

O'DONNELL On January 23rd, at Pembury, to Moira (née Morrish) and Colin, a son, Kieran James.

O'NEILL On January 22nd 1987, at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, to Stephanie (née Mills) and Michael, a daugther, Katie Louise

PEDDER On January 14th, to Margaret (née Bradley) and John, a daughter, Lucy Cecilia, a sister for Katie, Mary, Lizzie and Alice

RIPPIN On January 20th, to Danielle and John, a son, Samuel Philip

VAN DER LANDE On January 15th 1987, to Isabel and Mark, a daughter Elizabeth

WOOD On January 23rd 1987, to *Heather (née Sendall) and Geoff, a* daughter Silke Marliesa, a sister for Faye

WRIGHT On January 24th, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Deborah (née Kverndal) and Timothy, a daughter Miranda, a sister for Miles

DEATHS

ATKINSON On January 23rd 1987 in H F Verwoerd Hospital, Victoria, South Africa, John Anthony (Tony) aged 51 after a short illness Greatly missed by his wife Pam, his daughter Caroline and son Charles. Funeral to be announced

AUBANEL On January 24th, peacefully John Edward, husband of Eileen and father of Christopher and Julian Funeral 11 30am Monday February 2nd at All Saints Church, Banstead Family flowers only

BARTLETT On Monday January 26th, at The Nuffield Hospital, Hereford, Dr Olive Emily Bartlett, aged 72, of Hall House Farm, Ledbury Wife of the late Ernest George Bartlett Funeral service at Ledbury Baptist Church, on Monday 2nd of February at 2 00pm, followed by burial. Family flowers only please Donations if desired for London City Mission would be appreciated and should be sent to F B Hawcutt Funeral Directors, Holmesdale, Newbury Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire, Tel: 0531 2084

BIRD On January 24th, peacefully in hospital, Ruth, M A Arts London, aged 87 of Rixons Orchard, Horsted Keynes, Sussex Cremation private. Memorial service at St. Giles Church, Horsted Keynes at 2 30pm, on Saturday 31st January

BIRLEY On January 23rd 1987 peacefully at Berkley House, Frome, Somerset, Barbara Winifred, widow of Charles Fair Birley Funeral Monday 2nd February at St Mary's Church, Jersey C.I., followed by cremation. Flowers to Pitcher and Le Quesne Ltd, Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey by 11am. Enquiries to Pitcher and Le Quesne Ltd Tel 0534 77936

BRIDGE On January 23rd, peacefully at his home, Martin Graham of Burford House, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, aged 48 years Service at Pilton Parish Church on Thursday 29th January at 2 30pm No flowers please, but donations, if desired for Imperial Cancer Research Fund to A R W Connock and Son, Funeral Directors, The Croft, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5UL

BURR On Sunday January 25th, Edith Mary devoted wife of the late Gilbert Basil Burr of East Horsley Surrey May she rest in peace

CAMERON On January 25th 1987 at home, Dorothy aged 61, of Ottways Lane, Ashtead Dearly loved wife of Donald and mother of Valerie, Fiona and Jennifer No flowers please, but donations if desired to Asthma Research Council

DERRY On January 26th, suddenly at his home in Port Credit, Ontario, Duncan Ramsay Derry O.C., PhD., F.R.S.C., LL.D., aged 80. Husband of Alice, father of Ramsay and Douglas, grandfather of Alison, David and Alexander and a dear brother

DIAMANTIS On January 19th, in Athens, Greece, Michael. He will be deeply missed by his daughter Lydia Greer and husband Guy, his grand son James Michael and grand daughter Elona. Funeral has taken place in Athens

FLETCHER On January 25th 1987, George Bernard Hillman, son of the late William Fletcher M.D., F.R.C.P and Beatrice, brother of Penelope Funeral service in The King Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, Tuesday February 3rd at 10.00am, preceeded by a Requiem in the same Chapel at 8.00am. No flowers please.

HEPWORTH On January 19th 1987, in Harare, Zimbabwe, Jack, much loved father of Valerie, Sylvia and Christopher

HEWETT On January 24th, at Finchley Memorial Hospital, Jill Ida Lilian of Wargrave and Finchley Sadly missed by Tom, Doris, Babette, Frank and Paul. Funeral at St. Mary's, Finchley at 2.30pm on Thursday January 29th, followed by cremation at Marylebone Crematorium at 3.00pm.

HIRST On January 24th 1987, peacefully at home, Herbert Sim Hirst, PhD, aged 85 years. Beloved husband of Muriel and dear father of Enid Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday February 2nd at 12.45pm. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation, c/o A. Cleveland, South Weirs, Brockenhurst, Hants.

HUNTLY On January 26th, in Surrey Charles, Marquis of Huntly Service to be held on Thursday January 29th at 2.00pm, at St. James's Church, Elstead, Surrey, Memorial service to be held in Aberdeenshire on date to be announced.

KASHFI On January 26th 1987, Nasser Kashfi, Kashfield, Beechgrove, Moffat, Dumfriesshire, dearly loved husband of Eleanor Mary and beloved father of Roya, Ronald and Negar Funeral service at 11.00am on Thursday January 29th in Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, Nr Esher, Surrey All friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please

KERR On Sunday January 25th 1987, Richard Vaughan of Madingley Road, Cambridge, peacefully in his 67th year Funeral service at St Edward's Church Cambridge, on Wednesday February 4th, at 2 15pm followed by cremation. Flowers maybe sent to Harry Williams and Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge, donations if desired to The Friends of Arthur Rank House, Mill Road, Cambridge.

LACROZE On January 23rd, peacefully, in The Uruguay, Michael Teofilo, aged 77, dearly loved father of Margaret and wonderful grandfather of Christopher, Louise, Alexander and Catharine. Rest in Peace

LEAFE On Wednesday January 21st 1987, very peacefully at Nazareth House, Northampton, Stanley Vary Major R.A.O.C. (Retired). Formerly of Bromsgrove and Peopleton, Worcs Dearly loved by his family and friends. Funeral at Peopleton Parish Church, near Pershore on Monday February 2nd at 11.00am. Family flowers only Donations if desired may be sent to The Reverend Mother, Nazareth House, 120 Harlestone Road, Northampton.

LESSING On January 20th, Pieter, in hospital in Vienna. Sadly missed by family friends and journalist colleagues

LUCAS On January 26th, peacefully in St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, Thomas Arthur aged 64, dearest husband of Patty and dear brother of Dorothy Service at North East Surrey Crematorium on Tuesday, February 3rd at 12 noon. Flowers c/o W A Trueloves, Cheam.

LUNZER On January 25th, Sidney B, aged 92, formerly of Hove and latterly of Jerusalem. Burial on 26th January in Jerusalem, and mourning at 16, Ahad Haam Street, Jerusalem

MORE O'FERRALL On 22nd January Julia Letitia, in her 80th year *Requiem mass 2pm Friday 30th January* at Clifton Cathedral, Bristol. Family flowers only Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

NEWHALL On January 26th, at St Helena Hospice, Colchester, Mary Newhall BA LLB FCIArb of Braintree, Essex. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Helena Hospice

NOCK On January 23rd 1987, peacefully in The Royal United Hospital, Bath Olivia beloved wife of Oswald Stevens Nock and mother of Jill and Trevor Funeral service on Friday January 30th at Bathford Parish Church 1 45pm followed by interment at Haycombe Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Batheaston Parish Church Restoration Fund may be sent to Jolly's Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath

NORMAN On January 26th 1987, Maria Cristina, wife of Richard Frederick Norman, daughter of the late Leopold Walford and the late Maria Cristina de Borbon Duquesa de Marchena Funeral private.

PARKER On January 22nd 1987, peacefully at home, Horace William (Bill) of Camden Orchard, East Grinstead, dearly loved husband of Mary greatly loved father of Richard, Rosemary and Stephen, dear Gabbin to his grandchildren Alexandra, William, James, Fiona and Oliver Funeral private, donations if desired to Doctor Barnardo's, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex

PEARCE On January 25th, peacefully during evensong, Herbert Malcolm, Priest. Requiem Mass in Torrington Parish Church Saturday 31st January at 2.30pm. No Flowers Donations towards Sacristy improvements in his memory

RAPPITT On January 26th 1987, at HRH Princess Christians Hospital: Rita Roy, beloved wife of Roy and mother of Angela and Toby. Funeral service at Stubbings Church, Henley Road, Maidenhead at noon, wednesday February 4th 1987, followed by private cremation at Amersham. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to NSPCC or RSPCA or Red Cross, c/o FT Pymm and Son Funeral Directors, 65-67 Moorbridge Road, Maidenhead (tel) 0628 23822).

RYAN On January 24th 1987, Lucy Francis (née Muir-Dixon). Funeral All Saints, February 2nd 1987 at 11am. No flowers, but donations to Across (Jumbulance).

SAMSON On January 22nd, unexpectedly, Frederic, fellow of The Royal College of Art and former Head of General Studies, beloved friend and irreplaceable teacher The funeral service will be held at The Liberal Jewish cemetery, Pound lane, Willesdon, London NW10 at 2.00pm, on Friday January 30th. Donations if desired to Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, 6 Endsleigh street, London WC1 Memorial service in London to be announced.

SEAGO On January 21st 1987, Peacefully at his home, Nairobi, Kenya, John aged 78 years. Brother of the late Edward Seago and formerly of Hall Common, Ludham, Norfolk.

SHEARER On January 26th 1987, peacefully at his home in Shaftesbury, the Reverend Russell Shearer, former President of the Methodist Conference. Funeral service at the Shaftesbury Methodist Church on Friday 6th February at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Salisbury Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Enquiries to C E Johnson and Son, Funeral Directors 0747 2113.

SIMMONS On January 24th 1987, peacefully in hospital, John (Jack). Loving father of Rita, June, John and Valerie and adored by all his grand children. Funeral to be held at Kensal Rise Crematorium on February 30th at 1.30pm. *Flowers to John Hemp,* 27 Chepstow Corner, Chepstow Place, London W2.

SNOW On January 26th, peacefully at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton, James Frederick, father of Venetia and Wendy. Funeral at Middleham Church 12 noon, Friday 30th January Enquiries and correspondence to Messrs. Scott Solicitors, Market Place, Leyburn. Tel. 0969 22227

STILES On January 24th, peacefully in hospital, Nella Haynes, aged 85, much loved aunt and great-aunt. Funeral at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday 29th January at 10.45am.

SWAN On January 25th 1987, peacefully at home in London, Evelyn, beloved wife of the late Hon. Justice St. Clair Swan (Sinco). Most dearly loved mother, grand mother and great grand mother Requiem Mass in Ealing Abbey 1pm on Tuesday February 3rd. All flowers and enquiries to W.S. Bond Ltd, 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5, Tel. 01 567 0422.

THOMSON *On January 26th, Charles* Newbigging Thomson, CBE, DSO, TD, peacefully at home at Burgh House Flat, near Woodbridge. Much loved husband of Astrid and father of Sonja and Gillian. Funeral at Burgh Church, near Woodbridge, at 11.45 on Monday February 2nd. Family flowers only Thanksgiving Service at the Church of the Holy Rood, Carnoustie at noon on February 16th.

TROTMAN On January 23rd 1987, suddenly in hospital, Joseph Fiennes TD, much loved husband of the late Kathleen Frances (née Covel), father of Andy, grandfather of Toby, Christopher and Joanna. Cremation private Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Mary's Church, Wimbledon on Friday February 6th at 12 noon

TRUMPER On January 23rd, suddenly, Frances Emma (née Greener) of Hay-on-Wye, Hereford, widow of Dr.H.B.Trumper, beloved mother and grandmother The funeral service, followed by interment, will be held at Clifford Parish Church on *Saturday, January 31st at 2.30pm.* Flowers, or if desired donations, for Harley Alms House of Hay, may be sent to Dawe Bros, 115 Westfaling Street, Hereford.

TYNDALE-BISCOE on January 7th 1987, Irene, widow of Lt Cmdr Jack Tyndale-Biscoe in Mandeville, Jamaica, West Indies.

WRIGHT On Sunday 25th January, peacefully at Downlands, Steyning, Emily Amelia, in her 95th year, widow of Charles Wright of Mill Hill and Totteridge. Funeral at 11 15am on Friday 30th January at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, Sussex.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LOGAN A Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Logan will be held on Sunday March 8th at 2.30pm, at the Holy Trinity Church, Dumbarton Road, Stirling.

ROWLAND A Memorial Service for Judge Deborah Rowland will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Thursday 12th March 1987 at 5pm

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

IGARASHI WHITE In loving memory of Kyoko Igarashi White, beloved wife of 'Bill' St John White 'No words can say how she was loved nor tears convey how she is missed '

PETER THOROLD BARNETT sacrificed his life 50 years ago today, in what was then Northern Rhodesia, in a mining accident. He is not forgotten.

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Science report

Radiation check more cheaply and precisely

By Andrew Wiseman

A quicker, cheaper and more accurate way of measuring uranium concentrations, developed by the Pacific North West Laboratory of the United States Department of Energy (operated by the Battelle Memorial Institute), could lead to lower detection limits and improved safety standards for workers who could be exposed to the dangerous radioactive element.

The technique, called kinetic phosphorimetry, combines advanced laser technology and computers. It detects moderate and even extremely low traces of uranium, especially in urine samples, with a precision and at a cost said to be unmatched by existing methods.

One of its great advantages is that it automatically corrects for "quenching", a major problem with current fluorometric analyses and the single largest source of error with conventional systems. "Quenching" reduces the intensity of light emitted by the uranium and affects the accuracy of results. Attempts to cut it by purefying samples through extensive preparatory chemistry are expensive and could distort results.

The new method is based on a high-intensity laser pulse illuminating the solution under test. Uranium in the sample absorbs laser light and re-emits it at a different wavelength. A multichannel scaler counts individual light particles (photons) discharged by the excited uranium over a predetermined period of time.

The data is fed into and analysed by computer, which calculates the uranium concentration. The entire process takes about five minutes.

Tests have shown that kinetic phosphorimetry is 10 times more accurate than more expensive methods. Experiments on samples containing as little as .05 micrograms of uranium per one litre of solution produced results with a precision greater than 3 per cent. Several samples can be analysed simultaneously.

The technique is so sensitive that samples of less than one millilitre (compared to one litre for most current methods) can be analysed. That greatly reduces overall costs and, more importantly, the probability of error.

Apart from employees in nuclear establishments, the technique could also benefit workers engaged in mining, milling and processing activities, who might require routine uranium bioassays. It could also provide fast fuel tests for the monitoring of reactor cooling water at nuclear power plants and general environmental surveillance.

Flowers defy winter

Although gardens have not yet recovered from the Siberian winter, the Royal Horticultural Society has managed a spring-like show in Westminster this week (Alan Toogood writes).

Almost all the plants had been cosseted under glass, including a charming collection of miniatures from Avon Bulbs, of Bradford-on-Avon. Here yellow dwarf irises drift among starry flowers of *Ipheion* 'Wisley Blue'.

Burncoose and Southdown Nurseries, of Redruth, are featuring seasonal plants and foliage, including yellow mimosas, pink *Camellia* x *williamsii* varieties, and some unusual pittosporums (evergreen foliage plants), like the yellow 'Golden King'. Chris Bowers and Sons, of Wimbotsham, Norfolk, have *a similar exhibit,* which includes the relatively new "blue" hollies like 'Blue Angel'.

The only gold medal awarded went to Pat Harby, of Cranleigh, Surrey, for her water-colour paintings of thistles.

The RHS competition for ornamental plants consisted almost entirely of yellow witch hazels, with R N Stephenson-Clarke, of Borde Hill Gardens, Sussex, winning most of the classes. He also showed the white *Rhododendron dauricum*, the green-flowered *Helleborus corsicus* and the grey-leaved mimosa, *Acacia baileyana*.

The following orchids gained the award of merit:

[illegible] obtusa 'Wotton', with pendulous, white starry flowers, by F W Culver, of Wotton-under-edge, Gloucestershire. *[illegible] 'Golden Kalai' Titans, yellow and cream flowers,* and *Cymbidium* 'Jersey', cream, flushed with green, by the Eric Young Orchid Foundation, of Jersey, and *Diaphananthe pellucida* 'Kew Pride', with translucent white flowers carried on long pendulous stems, by the director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PASTORAL MEASURE

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft pastoral scheme providing for the declaration of redundancy of the parish church of Saint Cecilia, West Bilney, and its appropriation to use by the Parochial Church Council of the new parish of Pentney Saint Mary Magdalene with West Bilney for any ecclesiastical purpose affecting the parish or any part thereof (Norwich diocese). Copies of the draft scheme may be obtained from the Church Commissioners, 1 Millbank, London SW1P 3JZ to whom any representations should be sent within 28 days of the publication of this notice.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse - Greater London

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. Copies of the draft Scheme may be obtained from them (ref: 207773-A/14-L2) at St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX. Objections and suggestions may be sent to them within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Doris Mary Rowe for Cancer Research

The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. Copies can be obtained from them at St. Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX (ref: 209651-A4-L1)

LEGAL NOTICES

RE: COMPETITIVE WINDOW & GLASS COMPANY LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol on Thursday the 29th January 1987 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection at Exmoor Street, Bedminster, Bristol from 27th January 1987.

Dated this 15th day of January 1987
MICHAEL E COX
DIRECTOR

RE: HIGH STREET FASHIONS LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeing of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex IG8 0PA on Tuesday 3rd Feburary 1987 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection at 2/6 Shaftesbury Road, Forest Gate, London E7 from 30th January 1987

Dated this 15th day of January 1987
SUKHDEV SINGH GILL
DIRECTOR

RE: WEST 6 TAPES LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Barbican City Hotel, Central Street, London EC1 on Thursday the 5th February 1987 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection at Unit 34, Oakwood Hill Ind. Est, Loughton, Essex, from 3rd February 1987

Dated this 14th day of January 1987
DAVID WEST
DIRECTOR

RE. CHASENORTH LIMITED
BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT
DATED 24TH NOVEMBER 1982

Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 332 Brighton Road, South Croydon, has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 19th January 1987
NEVILLE ECKLEY
LIQUIDATOR

RE: DIALOGUE TERMINALS LTD
BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT
DATED THE 21ST DECEMBER 1982

Neville Eckley F.C.A of 332 Brighton Road, South Croydon, has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named company without a Committee of Inspection.

Dated 21st January 1987
NEVILLE ECKLEY
LIQUIDATOR

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Iranians laugh amid debris of Basra fighting

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rotting unburied beside their burned-out tanks on the way to Duweijeh, the arms of the dead soldiers wrapped around each other, blasted into a final embrace by the shells that killed them. The mud fields are littered with unexploded bombs, big grey-finned, shark-like beasts that half buried themselves in the soggy mass when the Iraqi Air Force vainly tried to halt Iran's Kerbala 5 offensive.

"We are winning," a white banner proclaimed with child-like confidence above a smashed dugout whose walls had been built with empty ammunition boxes and old shell casings.

Who could doubt it? All around us yesterday, the Iranians were in possession of the first three of the five Iraqi defence lines east of Basra. The Iraqi T 54 and T 72 tanks captured by the Iranians, were being dug in alongside the Iranians' own 155 mm guns at the old Iraqi revetments and were maintaining a steady, howling bombardment of Basra.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard — which made no bones about its role in the victory, claiming that the regular Iranian Army provided only logistic and artillery support — concluded that its latest offensive had left 15,000 Iraqis dead, 35,000 wounded, and that its attacks had destroyed up to 550 tanks, 1,050 heavy vehicles and 45 entire Iraqi Army brigades.

Iranians claim 60 planes shot down

These statistics — especially a claim to have shot down 60 aircraft — may have been as exaggerated as they were unprovable, but the evidence on the battlefield spoke for itself.

In a small Japanese open-top truck, the Revolutionary Guards happily bounced us down that awful causeway towards the Iraqi lines, shouting encouragement to their men beside the road, grinning at us when the Iraqi artillery rounds zipped over our vehicle and landed in sprays of water in the lakes. The shells came five at a time, hissing into the breakwater to the north, the water to the right, onto the causeway itself and the flooded dykes beyond, leaving pillars of black smoke hanging around us like small, ominous curtains.

Across the landscape the newly positioned Iranian artillery fired shells back at three times the rate of the Iraqis, their golden muzzle-flashes streaking out above the water. Still, the boy volunteers and the bearded old men lounged along the roadway, occasionally playing taped religious music

One teenager just stood there unsmiling, holding a heavy book to his chest. Could the Koran really provide such inspiration? It was, in its way, a sight both deeply impressive and immensely sad. If these young men believed they were immortal in the sight of God, could they truly prove their immortality on the battlefield? They were not fearless so much as heedless, and it was this that made them so unique and yet so vulnerable.

POWs smile and chant curses

It was the Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guards) and the Baseej volunteers who clawed their way through 200 ft-thick swathes of barbed wire buried in three feet of water across two lines of Iraqi defences and captured, so they say, 2,300 soldiers, including two brigadier generals, 10 colonels and 140 other officers.

One of the two generals, Brigadier General Jamal al-Bayati, the commander of the Iraqi 506th Corp, was later produced in full uniform with 10 of his soldiers at a press conference in Ahvaz where he described how he was wounded three times in the arm and sides as the Iranians swarmed over his defence lines. "In Iraq," he suddenly added to the delight of his Iranian captors, "we are told that the Iranians kill their prisoners, especially the officers. But I saw the Islamic behaviour of the Iranians."

At least 1,000 of the Iraqi POWs were later paraded before us in the courtyard of an unfinished factory warehouse, half-heartedly chanting curses against the very Iraqi for whom they had been fighting just a few days before. Several smiled at us when their armed guards were not looking. "Please tell my family I am safe," a youth with a small beard muttered. "Please tell them I did not die in the battle."

The last Beirut photograph of Mr Waite going to a meeting with his Druze guards last week

Howe tells of fears for Waite

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(Party of God) militia or Islamic Jihad.

Some of the kidnapping this month of up to 13 foreigners in west Beirut has been linked to the arrest of a Lebanese Shia, Ali Hamadei, aged 22, in Frankfurt for his allegedrole in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut.

There is growing concern that Mr Waite may accidentally have become embroiled in the affair during the course of his negotiations to release two British and two American hostages.

It is believed that Mr Hamadei's relatives may be behind the current spate of abductions in an attempt to exchange prisoners with the West German government before Bonn approves an extradition order for Mr Hamadei for trial to the US.

The hostage bargaining between the kidnappers and Bonn was set to intensify yesterday when West Germany confirmed that it had also arrested Mr Hamadei's older brother, Abbas.

West German reports said Abbas Hamadei, aged 28, was arrested at Frankfurt airport on Monday and that his companion was shot by police as he tried to escape.

Mrs Lena Waite with a photograph of her son, Terry

Gorbachov calls for big party reforms

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rights, and it simultaneously serves every collective and society as a whole."

It was widely assumed that one of the main reasons for the long delay inholding the meeting, originally scheduled for last December, was to enable Mr Gorbachov to work behind the scenes to secure sufficient party support for his new proposals.

The plan to hold an all-union conference in 1988 was seen as a deliberate attempt to try and drive home the urgency of his reform programme, which has recently begun to lose its initial gloss for many citizens still faced with shortages of basic commodities and the other hardships of Soviet life.

Such a conference is the second most important type of party gathering after the five-yearly Congresses, the last of which was held only last February. The last such conference was convened by Stalin some four months before the Nazi invasion in 1941, a factor adding symbolism to Mr Gorbachov's repeated claims about the importance of restructuring Soviet society.

Although the conference would not have the power to select leading personnel, it can lay down guidelines for political and economic policies. During the days of Lenin, whom Mr Gorbachov repeatedly cites as the main influence on his style, the conference was also a forum for intense debate among Communist Party leaders.

Mr Gorbachov used the speech to issue a demand for extreme nationalist tendencies in various parts of the vast, 15-republic Soviet Union to be stamped out and called for an "internationalist" education drive aimed at the young.

And there's poor REAGAN suffering from too much..
GORBACHOV WANTS MORE DEMOCRACY

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Martian lands in House of horrors

The House last night held the debate into whether MPs of an impressionable age should be allowed to watch *Zircon* — the horror sci-fi film which depicts a fantasy Britain in which a mad Government builds a satellite and uses it to commit the ultimate atrocity: a massive, indiscriminate by-passing of the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee.

Only the intervention of young Duncan — who is an investigative journalist and therefore a Martian, but nonetheless the hero — prevents the complete destruction of the Committee at the hands of killer bees released from satellite *Zircon*.

There are plenty of scenes of gratuitous violence, including one in which the dreaded special branch, who are earthmen but nonetheless villains, knock down the door of Duncan's laboratory in North London and take away the documents containing the secret formula.

This seems to be the plot. It is possible that we are wrong about the killer bees. It is just that, in these films, there are normally killer bees. It is also possible that *Zircon* is the investigative journalist and *Duncan* is the satellite. If only the Government would allow the film to be shown, these points could be cleared up.

But the Government decided that the film was not suitable for family viewing and persuaded BBC television not to show it. Whereupon a Labour MP, Mr Robin Cook, snapped it up for showing in the House of Commons.

He has a ginger beard, which suggests that the previous films he has offered to MPs had been of the artistic sort: works by Ingmar Bergman, and endless showings of *Hiroshima Mon Amour*. No wonder audiences at his shows were falling.

Mr Cook was no doubt always being told to give the average backbencher something he could laugh at, cry at, be terrified by, or tap his feet to; something like *Singin' in the Rain* or *Zircon*. But Mr Cook did just that last week, when the Speaker issued an order "prohibiting the use of any room under the control of the House for the showing of the film."

To his horror, his leader, Mr Kinnock, agreed with the Speaker.

By yesterday, Mr Kinnock had realized that this attempt to appear respectable in the eyes of responsible voters had upset the vast number of Labour MPs whose lives are so dull that all they can look forward to is the occasional violent film.

It is all right for someone like Mr Kinnock. He has a middle class way of life. He gets invited to dinner at the Zambian High Commission or at the London Welsh Club. But what do you do of an evening if you are completely uneducated, like Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)?

Because of the hurt he had caused among Labour filmgoers, Mr Kinnock modified his tone yesterday. During questions to the Prime Minister, he avoided taking the attitude which he took last week, which was that he agreed with the Prime Minister that the showing of the film by the BBC was bad for national security. Instead, he concentrated on how silly it was for the Government to oppose the film being shown on television or in the Commons, only for all the details of it to turn up in the *New Statesman*.

This was the line which the Labour front bench adopted in the subsequent debate. In this, Mr Kinnock and his front bench spokesman, had some success.

Neither Mrs Thatcher, nor the Government spokesmen were able to explain why — if they knew a long time ago that the film was bad for security — they acted too late to stop all the most important information getting into the *New Statesman*. The answer was that no one had really though about the *New Statesman*. But it was rather difficult for ministers to use that as a defence.

The Special Branch's raid on the *New Statesman* office over the weekend had made Labour members even more excited. They thought it raised even graver issues. Many of us thought that the only issue it raised was what the Special Branchwould have found had they raided *The Spectator*, the rival weekly to which I have the honour occasionally to contribute. ("Police took away a list of retired army officers and Rural Deans alleged by left wing Labour MPs to be members of a clerico-fascist regime to take over Britain in the event of a Labour election win. It was later revealed to be the subscription list.")

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duchess of York opens the exhibition "Russian Style, 1750-1920, Court and Country Dress from the Hermitage" at the Barbican Art Gallery, 6.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Committee, attends the annual Australia Day dinner at Grosvenor House, W1, 7.40.

Music

Niklos String Quartet; **Buckingham** University, Radcliffe Centre, Church St, 1.15.

Chamber Music Society: Arensky Ensemble (Mozart, Glière and Dohnanyi); **Newcastle-upon-Tyne** University, King's Hall, 7.30.

Lunchtime Recital: Schumann, Enesco and Doppler; Baronial Hall, Chetham's School of Music, Long Millgate, **Manchester**, 1.40.

Donegan's Dancing Sunshine Band with Lonnie Donegan and Monty Sunshine; St David's Hall, The Hayes, **Cardiff**; 7.30.

Recital of Words and Music: Brian Kay (bass) and David Warwick (piano); Rossall School, **Fleetwood**, Lancs, 8.00.

Musical Offering (Baroque Ensemble): Couperin, Corelli and Rameau; Town Hall, Chester, 7.30.

Organ Recital: Thomas Trotter with Amadeus Chamber Orchestra (Haydn, Mozart, Prokofiev); **Birmingham** Town Hall, 1.00.

Celebrity Concert: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra with Radu Lupu (piano); Wessex Hall, **Poole** Arts Centre, 7.30.

Talks, films and lectures

A Closer Look at the Epidemiological Data for Cumbrian Coastal Areas; talk by Dr R Wakeford, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd; **Leicester** University, Department of Community Health, 12.30.

Joseph Mayer's Wedgwood Collection; **Liverpool** Museum Pottery Forum, William Brown St, 12.45.

Engineering for the Future — The Fast Reactor; lecture by Colin Gregory, Head of the PFR Dounreay; Central Suite, Exchange St, **Derby**, 7.00.

The Prosecutor and the Public Interest; Sir Thomas Hetherington, 2nd Bracton Lecture; Lecture Theatre A, Newman Building, **Exeter** University, 2.15.

Water Stratford and the End of the World; lecture by Dr J Clarke; **Buckingham** University, Church St, 7.30.

Particle Physics: the Dream and the Realty; lecture by Dr M J Corden; **Birmingham** University, Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Bldg, 11.00.

Women and Ideas Seminar: Helen Kay; Women and Work — a Theoretical Perspective; The Library, **Exeter** University, 5.45.

General

The Browning Version by Terence Rattigan: Keele University, Staffordshire, 8 (ends Jan 31).

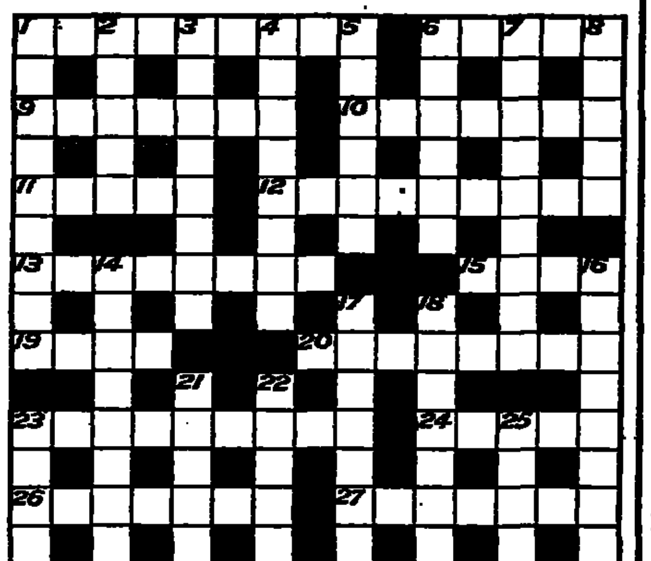
Anniversaries

Births: **Henry VII**, reigned 1485-1509, Pembroke Castle, 1457; **Charles George Gordon**, general, London, 1833; **Sir Henry Stanley**, explorer, Denbigh, 1841; **José Marti**, poet, Havana, 1853; **Colette**, writer, Saint-Souveur-en-Puisaye, 1873; **Artur Rubinstein**, pianist, Lodz, Poland, 1887.

Deaths: **Charlemagne**, king of the Franks and Roman emperor 801-14, Aix-la-Chapelle, 814; **Henry VIII**, reigned 1509-47, London, 1547; **Sir Francis Drake**, Nombre de Dios, West Indies, 1596; **Peter the Great**, Czar of Russia 1696-1725, St Petersburg (Leningrad), 1725; **William Butler Yeats**, poet and dramatist, Nobel laureate 1923, Roquebrune, France, 1939.

First penal colony in Australia founded, at Botany Bay, 1788.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,265



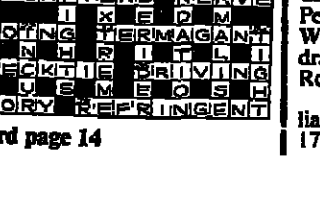
ACROSS

1 Bold character's a challenge to printer's apprentice (9).
6 Home of some Indians in a backward state in America (5).
9 Possibly as cruel as the world is (7).
10 Deputize for two-thirds of stints (5,2).
11 Highly placed in a gallery (5).
12 Victims of latest craze? (9).
13 Best bugles, for example, most important in army (3,5).
15 Distort long yarns (4).
19 Satisfy constituents in seat with one move (4).
20 Uproar produces complaint (8).
23 Records a century, perhaps, in this (5-4).
24 What's around hot Indian's middle? (5).
26 Briefly okay (7).
27 Lack of faith in his team misplaced (7).
28 Lawful way to run away (5).
29 Female with male, so to speak (9).

DOWN

1 Great philosopher — because he thought he was? (9).
2 Churchman cut page three etc. (5).
3 Cover-up? A politician is slow to act (8).
4 Like two gentlemen — a painter and a decorator (8).
5 Pound is fine in France as foreign capital (6).
6 Hard and fast about Indian (6).
7 Dresser and players get on together (9).
8 Removal sign (5).
14 Damaging cup for sport down under (3-6).
16 Fruit for each simpleton with double core (9).
17 Weightlifter means to make girl breathless (8).
18 Said to applaud morality play? (4,4).
21 Ultimate in bias, to be this? (6).
22 Punch drunk (6).
23 Lighter fall (5).
25 Hatred removes leader from platform (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,264



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Books — hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Crisis of the Raj, The Revolt of 1857 through British Lieutenants' Eyes, by Wayne G. Broehl jr (University of New England, £14.95)
England, Slaves and Freedom, 1776-1838, by James Walvin (Macmillan, £25)
G.K. Chesterton, A Half Century of Views, edited by D.J. Conlon (Oxford, £15)
Nothing to Repent, The Life of Hesketh Pearson, by Ian Hunter (Hamish Hamilton, £14.95)
Philosophy and the Brain, by J.Z. Young (Oxford, £12.95)
The Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Political Thought, edited by David Miller, Janet Coleman, William Connolly, & Alan Ryan (Blackwell, £37.50)
The British Celts and their Gods under Rome, by Graham Webster (Batsford, £14.95)
The Concise Oxford Companion to American Literature, by James.D. Hart (Oxford, £19.50)
The Lighting of the Lamps, by Susan Hill (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95)
Utopia & Anti-Utopia in Modern Times, by Krishnan Kumar (Blackwell, £24.50)
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Roads

London and South-east: Tooting: Delays due to burst water main in the vicinity of A214, Trinity Road. **Essex:** M25 — works on anticlockwise carriageway between junctions 29 and 28, near Brentford, causing delays and outside lane closure.

Bedfordshire: A6 — delays and temporary lights in operation due to works at Ampthill Road, Bedford.

The Midlands: A1: Delays and lane restrictions because of works N of Newark at Markham Moor, Nottinghamshire. **A5:** Works on A5 at Bluebell Crossroads between Telford and Shrewsbury, Shropshire. **A456:** Work continues on Bewdley bypass, W of town.

The North: M63: Single lane on northbound carriageway of link road from A34, junction 10 to M63, Greater Manchester. **A49:** Two inbound carriageways closed because of work on Warrington Bridge, Cheshire. **A6:** Diversions in operation due to repair of bridge on Chorley Road, Swinton, at junction with Moorside Road, Greater Manchester.

Wales and the West: M5 Somerset: Outside lane on north and southbound carriageway closed between junctions 24 and 25. **A420:** Temporary lights on Homeapple Hill, Wick, Avon. **A48:** Lane closures at Penhow between Chepstow and Newport, Gwent.

Scotland: Edinburgh City Centre: Delays and temporary lights at Sauton Road N at Tylers Acre Avenue. **A81:** Single line traffic with temporary lights due to bridge work E of Port of Menteith, Stirlingshire. **A76:** Single line traffic with temporary lights N of Carronbridge, Dumfriesshire.

Information supplied by AA

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on an Opposition motion entitled "The failure of the City to serve the nation".

Lords (2.30): Debates on the law relating to charities and on rent controls and homelessness.

Help for stepfamilies

A free telephone counselling service for stepfamilies has been launched by the National Stepfamily Association, a charity based in Cambridge.

The service is available on Sunday to Friday evenings from 7 pm to 10 pm and on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 pm to 5 pm. Callers should first telephone 0223-460313 for details of counsellors on duty. Counsellors will also have lists of local Stepfamily groups, and family therapists

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
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Austria Sch	20.35	19.25
Belgium Fr	61.25	57.85
Canada $	2.135	2.035
Denmark Kr	10.96	10.36
Finland Mkk	7.38	6.88
France Fr	9.64	9.14
Germany Dm	2.905	2.745
Greece Dr	237	217
Hong Kong $	12.20	11.60
Ireland Pt	1.094	1.034
Italy Lira	2060	1940
Japan Yen	248	232
Netherlands Gld	3.265	3.085
Norway Kr	11.19	10.59
Portugal Esc	220	210
South Africa Rd	4.00	3.40
Spain Pta	202	192
Sweden Kr	10.36	9.81
Switzerland Fr	2.42	2.29
USA $	1.588	1.518
Yugoslavia Dnr	905	805

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London: The *FT* index closed up 30.4 at 1441.6.

Portfolio —Gold—

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WEATHER

Over Scotland there will be a lot of dry, bright weather with a little sunshine here and there. There will be a few sleet or snow showers mainly in N and E Scotland and the islands. E and NE England will be cloudy with perhaps one or two light sleet or snow showers, especially near the coast. SW England and the Channel Islands will be cloudy and could have a little light rain now and again. N Ireland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the rest of England will be cloudy but mainly dry. It will be cold again everywhere. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Staying cold but mainly dry with sunshine here and there. Some western areas could have a little rain or sleet.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.12	6.4	12.43	6.6
Aberdeen	-	-	12.08	4.1
Avonmouth	5.57	12.1	6.29	12.3
Belfast	9.43	3.4	10.12	3.4
Cardiff	5.42	11.2	6.14	11.4
Devonport	4.32	5.1	5.10	5.1
Dover	9.48	6.0	10.26	6.2
Falmouth	4.02	4.9	4.40	4.9
Glasgow	11.31	4.7	-	-
Harwich	10.35	3.7	11.04	3.6
Holyhead	9.07	5.4	9.39	5.4
Hull	5.05	6.8	5.25	6.9
Ilfracombe	4.40	8.4	5.11	8.6
Leith	1.09	5.1	1.32	5.2
Liverpool	10.00	8.9	10.31	9.0
Lowestoft	8.04	2.3	8.19	2.3
Margate	10.49	4.4	11.16	4.4
Milford Haven	4.57	6.5	5.29	6.6
Newquay	3.50	6.5	4.20	6.6
Oban	4.50	3.7	5.25	3.7
Penzance	3.33	5.2	4.08	5.2
Portland	5.37	2.0	6.18	1.9
Portsmouth	10.06	4.4	10.47	4.5
Shoreham	9.53	6.0	10.32	6.0
Southampton	9.35	4.3	10.16	4.4
Swansea	5.05	8.9	5.36	8.9
Tees	2.23	5.1	2.40	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	10.28	3.9	10.57	3.8

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro					
Bridlington	0.1	.13	6	43	rain
Cromer	-	.03	4	39	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.2	-	5	41	shower
Clacton	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Southend	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Margate	-	.02	3	37	dull
Folkestone	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Hastings	0.3	-	6	43	cloudy
Eastbourne	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Brighton	-	-	5	41	dull
Worthing	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Littlehmptn	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Bognor R	0.5	-	6	43	cloudy
Southsea	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Sandown	-	-	5	41	dull
Shanklin	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Poole	-	-	6	43*	dull
Swanage	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	5	41	dull
Exmouth	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Teignmouth	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Torquay	-	-	5	41	dull
Falmouth	*	-	5	41	cloudy
Penzance	-	-	6	43	dull
Scilly Isles	-	-	7	45	dull
Jersey	0.8	-	4	39	cloudy
Guernsey	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Newquay	0.6	-	*	*	cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	-	6	43	dull
Minehead	-	-	5	41	cloudy
B'pool Airpt	-	-	6	43	fog
Morecambe	0.4	-	4	39	dull
Douglas	*				
B'ham Airpt	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Bristol (Ctrl)	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Carlisle	1.9	-	5	41	fog
London	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Manchester	-	-	6	43	bright
N'cstl-n-Tyne	1.9	-	5	41	bright
Nottingham	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Anglesey	1.6	-	7	45	bright
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	-	4	39	dull
Colwyn Bay	*	-	7	45	fog
Tenby	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.3	-	4	39	cloudy
Edinburgh	1.1	-	5	41	bright
Eskdalemuir	1.0	-	3	37	cloudy
Glasgow	1.1	.01	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	0.1	.01	5	41	shower
Lerwick	-	-	1	34	snow
Prestwick	3.0	-	7	45	bright
Stornoway	*	-	5	41	cloudy
Tiree	4.0	-	6	43	bright
Wick	0.4	.02	3	37	sleet
Belfast	0.7	.03	7	45	bright

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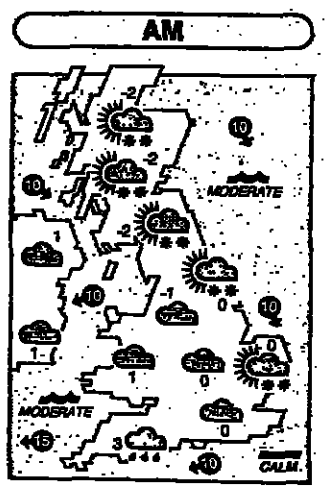

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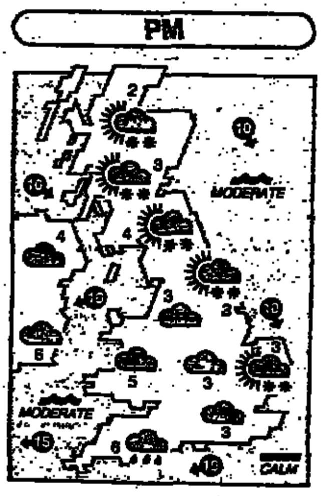

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.12 pm to 7.14 am
Bristol 5.22 pm to 7.24 am
Edinburgh 5.06 pm to 7.44 am
Manchester 5.13 pm to 7.30 am
Penzance 5.38 pm to 7.31 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	5	41	Guernsey	c	2	36
B'rmgham	c	4	39	Inverness	c	4	39
Blackpool	c	5	41	Jersey	c	2	36
Bristol	c	6	43	London	c	6	43
Cardiff	c	4	39	M'nchster	c	5	41
Edinburgh	f	5	41	Newcastle	f	4	39
Glasgow	c	3	37	R'nldsway	f	6	43

Sun rises: 7.46 am
Sun sets: 4.42 pm
Moon rises 7.43 am
Moon sets 2.48 pm
New moon tomorrow

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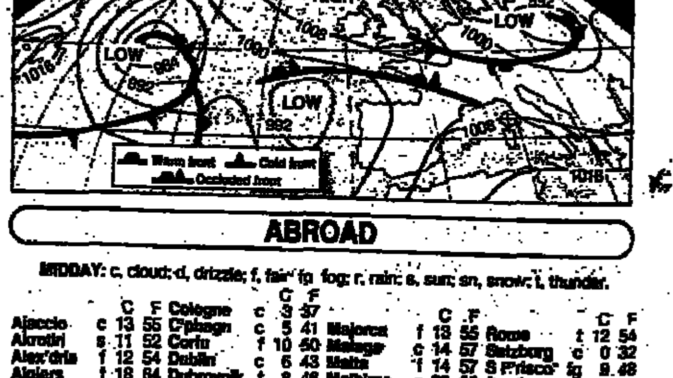

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
				Cologne	c	3	37								
Ajaccio	c	13	55	C'phagn	c	5	41	Majorca	f	13	55	Rome	t	12	54
Akrotiri	s	11	52	Corfu	f	10	50	Malaga	c	14	57	Salzburg	c	0	32
Alex'dria	f	12	54	Dublin	c	6	43	Malta	f	14	57	S F'risco*	fg	9	48
Algiers	f	18	64	Dubrovnik	f	8	46	Melb'rne	c	30	86	Santiago*	s	32	90
Amst'dm	s	4	39	Faro	s	18	64	Mexico C*	s	17	63	S Paulo*	c	24	75
Athens	s	12	54	Florence	c	11	52	Miami*	f	23	73	Seoul	s	0	32
Bahrain	s	24	75	Frankfurt	sl	1	34	Milan	c	2	36	Sing'por	r	23	73
Barbads*	f	27	81	Funchal	c	16	64	Montreal*	s	-16	3	St'kholm	[illegible]	1	34
Barcelna	s	13	55	Geneva	s	4	39	Moscow	sn	-3	27	Strasb'rg	c	1	34
Beirut				Gibraltar	r	14	57	Munich	c	-1	30	Sydney	s	27	81
Belgrade	c	5	41	Helsinki	sn	0	32	Nairobi	f	27	81	Tangier	c	15	59
Berlin	f	0	32	Hong K	c	15	59	Naples	c	13	55	Tel aviv	c	12	54
Bermuda*	r	18	64	Innsbrck	f	-2	28	N Delhi	s	19	66	Tenerife	f	23	73
Biarritz	f	16	61	Istanbul	s	3	37	N York*	c	-7	19	Tokyo	s	7	45
Borde'x	c	7	45	Jeddah	s	27	81	Nice	s	14	57	Toronto*	s	-11	12
Brussels	c	3	37	Jo'burg*	c	21	70	Oslo	s	1	34	Tunis	f	15	59
Budapst	sn	2	36	Karachi	s	22	72	Paris	c	-1	30	Valencia	c	11	52
B Aires*	s	35	95	L Palmas	s	22	72	Peking	s	8	46	Vanc'ver*	c	4	39
Cairo	f	14	57	Le Tquet	d	4	39	Perth	s	28	82	Venice	fg	1	34
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Lisbon	c	16	61	Prague	sn	-1	30	Vienna	[illegible]	1	34
C'blanca	c	19	66	Locarno	s	3	37	Reykjvik	f	3	37	Warsaw	sn	-3	27
Chicago*	s	-4	25	L Angels*	s	22	72	Rhodes	s	11	52	Wash'ton*	c	-4	25
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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share	1441.6 (+30.4)
FT-SE 100	1814.4 (+32.6)
Bargains	35800 (37845)
USM (Datastream)	139.92 (+0.35)

THE POUND

US Dollar	1.5320 (+0.0045)
W German mark	2.7699 (−0.0147)
Trade-weighted	68.8 (−0.1)

Shares hit new records

Share prices continued to hit new heights on the London stock market yesterday with investors again taking their cue from New York.

The FT index of top 30 shares reached its highest level ever, rising by 30.4 points to 1,441.6, helped by another firm start to trading on Wall Street where the Dow Jones industrial average was 32 points up during the first few hours of trading. In London, more than £4.5 billion was added to the value of quoted shares as investors chased prices sharply higher. The broader FT-SE 100 also reflected the mood, surging through the 1,800 level with a leap of 32.6 to a record 1,814.4.

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Joint premium rises illegal

The European Court of Justice yesterday ruled that attempts by West German insurance companies to set common price rises for industrial fire cover were illegal.

This confirmed the court's landmark ruling last month that could open the way for British and other EEC insurers to compete freely throughout the Common Market.

Tourism boost

Capital investment in big tourism and leisure projects rose to an estimated £961 million in the six months from last July to December, according to the English Tourist Board.

Profits fall

Mercantile House, the international financial services group, has reported pretax profits for the six months to the end of October down from £32.7 million to £27.1 million. Turnover rose 6 per cent to £195.6 million. An interim dividend of 4.25p was declared. Tempus, page 23

Racal rise

Interim pretax profits at Racal Electronics rose just 8 per cent to £25.1 million on turnover up 4 per cent to £640 million. The results were depressed by redundancy and severance pay costs of £1.5 million

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Bryant escape

English China Clays' £190 million offer for Bryant Holdings, the West Midlands housebuilder, lapsed yesterday after ECC received acceptances in respect of 45.7 per cent of Bryant's ordinary shares, including a 29.7 per cent stake it already owned.

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No instant cure, Beckett warns

CBI optimism on exports

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Britain's manufacturers, exhilarated at last by a competitive pound and good export opportunities, are more optimistic about their business prospects than at any time in the past 18 months.

The Confederation of British Industry, revealing the results of its latest quarterly industrial trends survey, yesterday delivered a New Year message of rising order books, better output and a surge in efficiency-related capital investment.

With British goods 18 per cent more price competitive than 18 months ago, export optimism is at its best level for two years.

However, CBI leaders remained circumspect. Sir Terence Beckett, soon to retire as director-general of the CBI, issued what amounted to a warning both to commentators and Government not to regard industry's improved prospects as "an instant cure for the nation's ills."

Industry did not want the situation over-hyped, he said. "We do not have a new heaven and a new earth. As far as industry is concerned, the opportunities are there but we have to work at it."

A great deal of hard work was needed to win export orders and nobody should under-estimate the scale of the job. "We have to convince the world that our new-found competitiveness is here to stay."

Sir Terence repeated the CBI view that any additional freedom held by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his forthcoming Budget within the constraints of the Government's medium-term financial strategy, should be used to lower interest rates.

On the debit side, the survey results, covering 1,451 companies, show half the manufacturing industry is still working below full capacity and job losses are expected to continue at the rate of 7,000 a month.

"To maintain our competitiveness we have to get rid of a lot more people," Sir Terence said.

The CBI is predicting, however, that a big increase in employment in other sectors will bring unemployment down to under three million by 1988 and that a net 550,000 new jobs could be created.

A positive balance of 21 per cent of firms — the difference between those replying up and those replying down — expects a rise in export orders over the next four months.

But Sir Terence said he did not foresee exports alone taking the balance of payments out of the red, particularly as the forecast increase in consumer spending of 4.5 per cent this year would boost imports.

The survey shows that rising export optimism is particularly marked in the motor vehicle and transport equipment and food, drink and tobacco sectors, with positive balances of 36 per cent and 31 per cent respectively.

A balance of 7 per cent reported an increase in the volume of new orders over the past four months, the first positive balance since the summer of 1985. Only three large sectors have reported a fall in export orders, compared to seven last October.

Industry's costs are expected to rise faster in the next four months, with a positive balance of 29 per cent, compared with 8 per cent last July.

Manufacturers' average domestic prices are now rising faster than in the past two CBI surveys. A positive balance of 30 per cent expects accelerating price increases in the next four months, the highest level since April 1985.

Brighter view on jobless

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

Economic forecasters are increasingly optimistic about a fall in unemployment, but the number of jobless is still expected to be above 3 million in the final three months of the year.

The latest comparison of independent forecasts compiled by the Treasury shows that the average prediction for unemployment in the fourth quarter of this year has fallen from 3.08 million a month ago to 3.04 million. Two months ago the average forecast was 3.1 million, not very different from the actual level of 3.12 million at present.

The better outlook on unemployment stems partly from a more optimistic view of the economy. On average, forecasters are now expecting a slightly higher growth rate this year — 2.7 per cent — than they were a few months ago.

Forecasts of export growth are creeping up while the increase in public spending plans has added to Government activity.

Consumer spending is also expected to continue expanding rather faster at 3.5 per cent.

But this carries with it a higher level of imports and the average expectation of a £3 billion balance of payments deficit is higher than thought in the autumn, although a little lower than last month's view.

The average view of inflation remains unchanged at 4.9 per cent by the final quarter of this year, compared with the present rate of 3.7 per cent.

Accounting firm may sue BTR

By Alison Eadie

Coopers & Lybrand, the accounting firm, is threatening legal action against BTR after BTR's accusation that Coopers' document on BTR was "unprofessional, inaccurate and misleading".

Yesterday Coopers issued a statement refuting "wholly and completely" BTR's allegations. "In view of the seriousness of the accusations, legal advice has been sought", the statement continued.

Coopers produced the report on BTR during the conglomerate's bid for Pilkington Brothers. Coopers is Pilkington's auditor. The report was shown to some journalists and City institutions, but was not published.

BTR obtained a copy and earlier this week issued a list of what it called "substantial inaccuracies". BTR's synopsis, produced in association with its auditors, Ernst & Whinney, accuses Coopers of double-counting disposals like Crewe House and Dunlop Tyre Corporation and so miscalculating cash generation.

Sir Owen Green, chairman of BTR, said last night that BTR stood by its synopsis. He said Coopers' statement was uninformative.

Dollar falls again on economic fears

By Our Economics Correspondent

The dollar's fall resumed yesterday on fears of poor American economic news. Doubts about whether a Group of Five meeting will take place early next month added to uncertainties for the currency.

It fell from DM1.8230 to DM1.8080 and from Y152.55 to Y151.65. The pound showed a 45 point gain at $1.5320, but lost ground against other currencies.

The dollar's fall came as the West German central bank withdrew from the market after providing support during the morning. Later in New York, the dollar was quoted at DM1.8050 and the pound rose to $1.5360.

Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, was reported as saying that he knew nothing of an impending Group of Five meeting. The Japanese finance minister, Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, has called for one and there has been speculation that it will take place in Paris on February 7.

However, Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, president of the Bundesbank, expressed doubts about the value of a Group of Five meeting.

"One shouldn't expect too much from such conferences for a stabilization of the dollar, which I regard as desirable, if the contributions of the participants to the conference aren't clarified in advance," he said.

US durable goods orders, due today, which are expected to be weak, and trade figures due on Friday continued to weigh against the dollar.

ConsGold inquiry urged

Minorco, which owns 28.34 per cent of Consolidated Gold Fields through a subsidiary, is pressing ConsGold to refer recent share buying in the company by Gold Fields of South Africa to the Department of Trade and Industry.

ConsGold, the international mining group, was told on Monday night that GFSA had increased its stake from 4.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent. ConsGold said it had told the DTI inspectors.

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson, chairman of Minorco, said that as GFSA had bought the shares without ConsGold's knowledge, he had asked Mr Rudolph Agnew, chairman of ConsGold, to refer the matter to the DTI.

Broker breaks Parnes link

By Lawrence Lever

Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank yesterday announced that it was "no longer associated" with Mr Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker who arranged a support deal in Guinness shares with Mr Gerald Ronson.

In a terse statement, the firm said that it is holding a "thorough internal investigation into the involvement of Mr AK Parnes in dealings during the Guinness bid for Distillers." The investigation is continuing and the results will be forwarded to the Stock Exchange.

The decision to sever the link between Laing and Mr Parnes followed a meeting of the two sides yesterday. According to Laing it instigated Mr Parnes' departure although a spokesman for Mr Parnes said the decision was taken by mutual consent.

Mr Parnes has been working for 4½ years at the firm as a "half-commission man". This means that he is not actually an employee, but is allowed to use its name and facilities in return for sharing with the firm the commission he earns.

Mr Parnes is understood to be the "representative of the eminent firm of stockbrokers" named by Mr Ronson in his letter last week to Guinness explaining his role in the price support operations for Guinness shares.

Mr Ronson described an approach from Mr Parnes seeking support for the Guinness bid "shortly before January 23 1985".

According to documents filed at Companies House, Mr Parnes became a director of J Lyons Chamberlayne on January 28 1985. This company later received £300,000 from Guinness under an invoice forwhich the new Guinness board says it has no satisfactory explanation.

Mr Parnes is the second largest shareholder in J Lyons Chamberlayne, owning 17,000 of the 50,000 shares issued. Sir Jack Lyons, a fellow director and former adviser to Bain & Co, Guinness' management consultants, is the largest shareholder with 20,000 shares.

Mr Parnes is also believed to have arranged the purchase of a large number of Guinness shares by the Distillers pension fund after the Guinness bid went through.

● A Stock Exchange member, Mr Robert Titchener-Barrett, has been censured for "dishonourable conduct" after a disciplinary committee hearing on charges relating to discretionery accounts under his management. Mr Titchener-Barrett is understood to have been working for the stockbroker Strauss Turnbull at the time.

In a statement yesterday the disciplinary committee said his conduct had been dishonourable in respect of dealings in shares that had been suspended by the Council of the Stock Exchange, and that his conduct had been improper in respect of certain dealings for which he ought to have obtained the discretionery approval of his firm along with certain written agreements from clients.

"His conduct has also been found improper on the score of exceeding the limit of discretion given by a client, causing the client's account to be in debit on 13 out of 14 consecutive accounts."

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Tim Bishop

Lord King at yesterday's presentation: strong foreign demand predicted

BA flies in at 125p a share

By Ray Heath

The price of British Airways shares has been fixed at 125p each, valuing the company at £900 million, slightly at the lower end of some City estimates.

The final price was revealed in another day of media events which included son et lumiere presentations in the morning at the Barbican arts centre in the City and in the evening on the River Thames in front of the Royal Festival Hall.

The 125p offer price for the 720,200,000 shares on offer valued the company at 6.3 times forecast earnings, or 9.5 times assuming the company was paying tax at 35 per cent. The forecast dividend yield is 6.8 per cent, covered 2.2 times on a 35 per cent tax charge.

Payment for the shares is in two instalments, 65p immediately and 60p on August 18. The minimum appliction is for 400 shares.

Analysts were yesterday predicting strong demand for the shares, particularly among foreign investors.

The number of shares being offered in the United States, Canada, Japan and Switzerland is 147.4 million, or 20 per cent of the total. The prospectus contains protection clauses to limit overseas investment to a maximum of around 35 per cent.

In the United Kingdom 325.2 million shares are being placed with selected institutions, and 247.6 million are being offered to the public and employees.

If the public offer is oversubscribed around three times, 20 per cent of the shares allocated to UK insitutions and foreign investors will be clawed back to meet the demand.

City analysts yesterday suggested that this was highly likely.

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China buys into Cathay Pacific

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

China's investment bank is taking a 12.5 per cent stake in Hong Kong's airline, Cathay Pacific, in a move seen as China's most public vote of commercial confidence in the crown colony to date.

The state-owned China International Trust and Investment Corporation (Citic) is paying HK$1,936bn (£165m) for the holding.

Cathay is issuing 212.2 million new shares at HK$5 per share, while a major shareholder, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is selling 145.9 million of its shares at HK$6 each.

As a result of the deal the stake of the airline's parent company, Swire Pacific, will fall from 54.25 per cent to 50.23 per cent, while Hongkong Bank's holding will drop from 23.25 per cent to 16.43 per cent.

Cathay shares were suspended on Monday morning at HK$5.60. They were first listed in May last year at HK$3.88 after a massive over-subscription and closed on the first day at HK$5.15, a 33 per cent premium to the issue price.

Since then the shares have underperformed the market. The deal shows China's commitment to the airline, and could be a blow to Dragonair, the fledgling operation backed by the shipping tycoon Sir YK Pao and thought to have had the confidence of the mainland.

Mr Michael Miles, chairman of Swire and Pacific, said yesterday: "Beijing's support for Cathay Pacific amounts to nearly HK$2bn, which is putting their money where their support is. It is also a significant investment in Hong Kong's future prosperity."

Bank move to tighten controls

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The Bank of England confirmed yesterday that it has written to about 25 bank chairmen in an effort to ensure that control procedures are operating properly in corporate finance departments.

The letter, which has been prompted by the involvement of Morgan Grenfell and Henry Ansbacher in the Guinness affair, has been sent to the chairmen of the clearing banks and the accepting houses.

It asks the banks to run through an illustrative checklist dealing with relationships with clients, methods of recruitment, the introduction of new recruits to the house philosophy of the bank and the acquisition of new clients.

The exercise, which is regarded as a tightening-up of Bank of England supervision within the corporate finance area, is intended to form the basis for future supervisory interviews with banks.

One clear implication of this — together with the Bank's role in securing the resignation of Mr Christopher Reeves, the Morgan Grenfell chief executive — is that those at the top in banks should be aware of what is happening in corporate finance departments and are ultimately responsible.

The Bank is understood to have been moving towards a tightening-up of supervision in banks' corporate finance activities, but the Guinness affair has prompted earlier action than would have otherwise been the case.

It has received responses to an earlier letter, requesting information on lending to individuals and examining bad-debt experience in this area. But no details are yet available.

British Bloodstock Agency profits pulled up

Reined-in half way out

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Declining prices at the top end of the bloodstock market have led to a halving in interim profits at the USM-quoted British Bloodstock Agency.

Major Christopher Philipson, the managing director, said: "As far as our share of the market is concerned, we could not be more pleased but it is against the background of falling prices."

At the High Fliers sale at Newmarket last year, the top price for a yearling was 600,000 guineas, the same as in 1985 but still well down on 1984's 1.4 million guineas.

In the six months to the end of September, BBA's pretax profits fell from £350,000 to £175,000 on turnover down 3 per cent at just under £2 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 2.5p.

The British Bloodstock Agency plc

BBA makes money by buying horses — around 800 this year — on commission for purchasers. The major European sales take place in the company's third quarter when market conditions, said the company, remained difficult.

At the Tattersalls December sale, the leading European breedstock sale, the group purchased 250 horses, more than five times the number bought by its nearest competitor but prices were still depressed.

Profits have also suffered from a drop in insurance commissions which BBA receives from arranging cover for horses. Many of the important owners are now arranging their own insurance, including some Arab breeders who have built up impressive stables over the past few years.

In the last quarter of BBA's year the main sales take place in the Southern hemisphere, particularly Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The South African sales have been postponed from March until April because of an outbreak of equine flu, but African horse sickness has put a stop to exports for a number of years making any threat of sanctions irrelevant.

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Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	19686.63 (+132.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2524.01 (+39.66)
Amsterdam: Gen	263.1 (−1.8)
Sydney: AO	1533.4 (−6.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1839.6 (−23.3)
Brussels:	
General	4040.69 (−12.44)
Paris: CAC	424.9 (same)
Zurich: SKA Gen	548.30 (−0.50)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	85.37 (−0.12)
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London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11¹⁄₁₆-11%
3-month eligible bills: 10⅝-10³⁹⁄₆₄%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.48-5.47%*
30-year bonds 100⁵⁄₃₂-⁷⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5320	£: $1.5350*
£: DM2.7699	$: DM1.8045*
£: SwFr2.3233	$: SwFr1.5145*
£: FFr9.2495	$: FFr6.0290*
£: Yen232.32	$: Yen151.55*
£: Index:68.8	$: Index:103.8
ECU £0.742166	SDR £0.825778

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
ICI	1227p (+21p)
BP	792p (+12p)
Royal Insurance	926p (+14p)
Guinness	288p (+9p)
Burton	270p (+10p)
Wolsely-Hughes	660p (+17p)
GEC	211p (+17p)
Racal	214p (+15p)
Johnson Matthey	257p (+12p)
Lilleshall	240p (+10p)
F Gates	142p (+29p)
Auto Secs.	243p (+11p)
Rank Org.	590p (+10p)
BAT	493p (+11p)
Rowntree	474p (+11p)
Dalgety	311p (+13p)
Greene King	294p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Eglinton	43p (−12p)
Brit Bloodstock	160p (−10p)
Lucas	519p (−12p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $408.70 pm-$411.50
close $410.75-411.25 (£268.25-268.75)
New York:
Comex $411.30-411.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar.) pm $18.10bbl ($18.15)
* Denotes latest trading price

WALL STREET

Shares continue to rise in active trading

New York (agencies) – Share prices continued to climb in active, early trading yesterday. Arbitrage-related buy plans joined with positive investor-sentiment to fuel the rise. Paper producers, helped by a weak dollar and a takeover in that sector, moved higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 24.33 points to 2,131.61. The number of rising shares outnumbered declining issues by three to one on a volume of 49 million shares.

Stone Container's announcement that it will acquire Southwest Forest Industries pushed Southwest up by 7⅜ to 31¼. International Paper jumped by 1⅞ to 90½ and Kimberly Clark rose by 1⅞ to 98⅛.

On Monday, the Dow average rose by 5.76 to close at 2,107.28 following its drop of 44 points on Friday. Shares finished mixed in a lacklustre session marked by fairly widespread profit-taking.

Many participants sat out the day on the sidelines as the market tried to regain some of its equilibrium after Friday's hectic session.

Standard and Poor's 500-share index slipped by 0.51 to 269.60.

	Jan 26	Jan 23
AMR Cp	58⅝	59¼
ASA	40½	39⅝
Aetna Life	61¼	61⅛
Allied Signal	45⅝	45¼
Allis Chalm	2⅝	2⅝
Alcoa	39⅝	39½
Amax Inc	14	14⅛
AMR Hess	25½	25⅜
Am Brands	46½	47⅜
Am Can	91⅝	92½
Am Cynmd	86¼	86
Am Ele Pwr	30⅞	31½
Amex	68	69
Am Home	83½	83⅝
Am Motors	3⅝	3
Am Stand	45⅝	46
Am Telph	26½	26⅝
Amoco Cp	73⅝	73¾
Armco Steel	5⅝	5¾
Asarco Inc	17⅝	17¾
Ashland Oil	56½	57⅞
Atl Richfld	66⅝	67
Avon Prod	29	29½
Bk Boston	43⅝	43⅛
Bank NY	40⅝	40⅞
Bankamer	14⅜	14½
Bkrs Tst NY	47⅝	48⅜
Beth Steel	6⅝	7
Boeing	50⅞	51¼
Boise Casc	74¼	75
Borden	51⅝	51⅛
Borg Warnr	40⅝	40⅞
Bnst Myer	91⅝	92
BP	48½	48
Brunswick	37⅝	37⅝
Burl Ind	42⅛	41⅛
Burl Nth	61⅝	60⅞
CBS	139	139⅝
CPC Int	43⅝	86
Cmpbell Sp	59⅝	58⅝
Can Pacific	14⅝	14½
Caterpillar	41⅜	41⅞
Celanese	242⅝	242⅛
Centrl SW	38⅝	38⅝
Champion	37	36⅞
Chase Man	39⅝	40⅛
Chem NY	47½	47⅜
Chevron	50⅞	50
Chrysler	44⅞	46
Citicorp	56⅝	59¼
Clark Eq	22⅝	22⅞
Coca Cola	41¼	42
Colgate	45⅝	45⅝
Columb Gas	48⅞	49
Cmb'tn Eng	34½	35
Cmwlth Ed	36⅞	37½
Cons Edis	50⅝	50⅝
Cn Nat Gas	36	36⅝
Cons Pwr	15⅝	16⅛
Cont Data	28⅝	28⅝
Corning Gl	54⅜	55⅛
Crane	38⅝	39⅛
Curtiss Wrt	55⅝	55⅛
Data Genl	34⅝	35
Deere Cp	25⅜	25⅛
Delta Airl	55⅞	55
Detroit Edi	18⅝	18⅞
Digital Eq	144⅞	142⅞
Disney	54⅜	52⅞
Dow Chem	69⅝	69⅞
Dressr Ind	23	23½
Dupont	95⅝	95
Duke Pwr	50⅝	50⅛
East Kodak	74⅜	75
Eaton Cp	80⅝	81⅛
Emerson El	99	100
Emery Air	12⅝	13
Exxon	80½	79⅛
Fed Dpt Sts	87¼	88⅛

	Jan 26	Jan 23
Firestone	28⅝	29⅛
Fst Chicago	32¼	32⅛
Fst Int Bncp	56⅝	56⅛
Fst Penn C	9⅝	9½
FT Wachva	40½	41⅞
Ford Motor	73⅜	74⅛
GAF Cp	39½	39
GTE Cp	61½	61⅛
Gen Cp	77	78½
Gn Dynam	74¾	75¾
Gen Elect	98⅝	98⅝
Gen Inst	20½	20⅞
Gen Mills	46⅝	46⅝
Gen Motors	70	70⅛
Gen Pub Ut	23½	23⅛
Genesco	3⅝	3⅝
Georgia Pac	44½	45⅛
Gillette	56⅝	55⅛
Goodrich	50⅝	52⅛
Goodyear	46	46⅛
Gould Inc	18⅝	18⅛
Grace Cp	53	53⅛
Grt Atl Pac	23½	24⅛
Greyhnd	32⅝	32⅛
Gruman	26⅝	26⅝
Gulf & West	69⅝	69⅝
Heinz	44½	44⅞
Hercules	58⅝	58⅝
Hewlet Pk	48⅝	49⅝
Honeywell	63⅝	63⅝
IC Ind	26⅝	25⅞
ITT Cp	58⅝	59⅝
INCO	13⅝	13
Ingersoll	64⅝	64½
Inland Steel	22⅝	23⅛
IBM	127⅝	126
Int Paper	88⅝	88
Irving Bk	51¼	51⅝
Jhsn & Jhsn	75¼	75
K Mart Cp	47	47⅝
Kaiser Alum	14⅝	15⅛
Kerr McGee	31⅞	30⅝
Kimbl Clark	98⅝	94⅞
Kroger	30⅝	30⅛
LTV Cp	2¼	2⅛
Litton	79⅝	80
Lockheed	50⅝	51⅝
Lucky Str	26⅝	26⅛
Man H'nver	47⅝	47⅛
Manville	1⅝	1⅝
Mapco	60	59⅝
Marine Mid	50⅞	50⅛
Mt Marrieta	44⅝	45⅛
Masco	31⅝	32⅛
Mcdonalds	67	67⅝
McDonnell	75⅝	77⅛
Mead Cp	67	66⅞
Merck	134	133
Minsta Mng	128⅝	126
Mobil	42½	41⅞
Monsanto	81⅝	84
Morgan Jp	45⅝	45⅛
Motorola	45	45⅛
NCR	56⅝	55⅛
NL Indstrs	5⅝	5⅛
Nat Distil	52½	53⅛
Nat Md Ent	22⅝	22⅞
Nat Semi	13⅝	13⅛
Norfolk Sth	92⅝	92⅛
NW Bancrp	40	39⅛
Occid Petl	31	30⅛
Ogden Cp	48	47⅛
Olin Cp	48½	48⅛
Owens Ill	59⅝	60⅛
PPG Ind	82	83⅛
Pac Gas El	26⅝	26⅛
Pan Am	5⅝	5⅛
Penney JC	78⅝	79⅝
Pennzoil	67⅞	67⅛

	Jan 26	Jan 23
Pepsico	31⅜	31⅞
Pfizer	65⅝	66⅝
Phelps Dod	24½	24⅝
Philip Mor	82½	81⅞
Philip Ptrl	12⅜	12⅝
Polaroid	76	76⅝
Proct Gble	86⅝	85
Pub Svc Eg	44⅝	44
Raytheon	73	73
Rynlds Met	45⅝	45
Rockwell Int	53⅝	54⅝
Royal Dutch	106	105⅝
SFE So Pac	30⅝	31⅝
Sara Lee	40⅝	40⅝
Schlumb	35⅝	36
Scott Pap	74	74
Seagram	67⅝	68½
Sears Roeb	44⅝	44⅝
Shell Trans	66⅝	65⅝
Singer	42½	41½
Smthkln Bk	101½	103
Sony Cp	20⅞	20⅝
Sth Cal Ed	35½	35⅞
SW Bell	119⅝	121
Std Oil	56⅝	57
Sterl Drug	50	50
Stevens JP	41⅝	42½
Sun Cpmp	60⅝	61⅝
TRW Inc	97⅝	96
Teledyne	310⅝	309⅛
Tenneco	41⅝	41⅞
Texaco	38⅝	38⅝
Tex Eastn	33⅝	33⅞
Tex Inst	139⅝	139⅜
Tex Util	35⅝	35⅝
Textron	65	65⅝
Travelers	48	48⅝
UAL Inc	55⅝	56⅝
USG	41⅝	41⅝
USX Cp	23⅞	23⅝
Unilever NV	247⅜	249⅝
Un Carbide	24⅜	24⅛
Un Pac Cp	68⅝	69⅝
Unisys Cp	95⅝	98⅝
Utd Brands	41	41
Utd Tech	48	48⅝
Unocal	29	29⅝
Walter Jim	52⅝	51⅝
Warn Lamb	65⅝	66⅝
Wells Far	54⅝	54⅝
Westg El	62⅝	64⅝
Weyerhsr	46	46½
Whirlpool	32⅝	34
Woolworth	43	43⅛
Xerox Cp	66⅝	67½
Zenith	23⅝	24

CANADIAN PRICES

	Jan 26	Jan 23
Agnico Eag	30⅝	30⅛
Alcn Alum	43⅝	43⅝
Algoma Stl	10⅝	10⅝
Can Pacific	19⅝	19⅝
Cominco	14⅝	14⅝
Con Bathrst	31⅜	31⅛
Hkr Sid Can	26	26⅝
Hdsn B Mln	22⅝	23
Imasco	34½	34⅝
Imperial Oil	54¼	54⅝
In Pipe	43⅝	43⅝
Ryl Trustco	30⅝	31½
Seagram	91⅛	92¼
Steel Co	19⅝	19⅛
Thmsn N 'A'	30⅝	31½
Varity Corp	2.75	2.69
WCT	14⅝	14⅝
Weston	34	34

STOCK MARKET

£4.5bn added to shares as index reaches record

By Michael Clark

Share prices in London soared to their highest-ever levels yesterday, powered by the belief that the spending spree on Wall Street may still have some way to run.

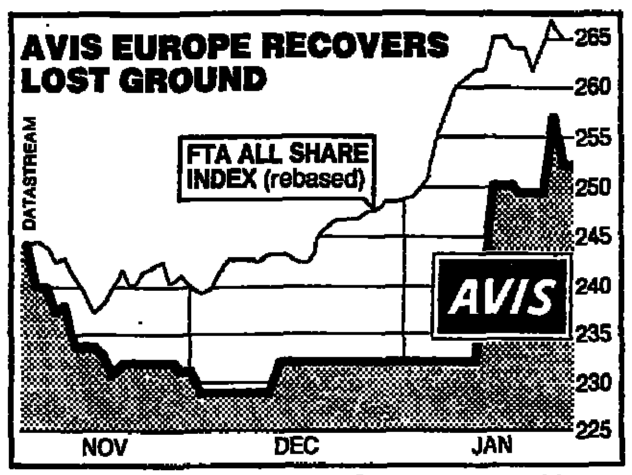
The FT index of top 30 shares put up its best one-day performance for several months as more than £4.5 billion was added to the value of quoted shares. It closed 26.7 points higher at a record of 1,437.9, following another firm start to trading in New York. The previous best, of 1,425.9, had been achieved on April 3 last year.

The broader-based FT-SE 100, now the most widely used barometer among marketmen, leapt by 29.9 points to 1,811.7.

Dealers reported heavy turnover with double-figure gains among most blue chips. Investors, apparently having cast caution to the wind, are now prepared to chase equities sharply higher.

ICI enjoyed a rise of 16p to a peak of £12.06 following a re-rating by Hoare Govett, the broker. But **Lucas Industries** was a dull market, losing 11p to 520p following a downgrading by W Greenwell, the broker.

GKN rallied from weakness earlier this week, stemming from a similar downgrading by James Capel, the broker, worried by problems in the US. Capel has told other dealers it will not buy the shares above the 280p level. They closed 4p up at 293p.


AVIS EUROPE RECOVERS LOST GROUND

Government securities ran into further nervous selling ahead of the trade figures later today. Losses at the longer end of the market stretched to £¼.

Oil shares made a firm start as the fighting in the Iran-Iraq war grew fiercer. Iran is now reported to be just a short distance from Basra and is expected to launch a final assault any day. Dealers fear this could again upset supplies of crude oil and drive up the price.

Among the leading producers, **BP** rose 12p to 792p as nearly 4 million shares changed hands. **Shell** advanced 13p to £10.96, **Britoil** 4p to 191p, **Enterprise** 4p to 190p and **Lasmo** 8p to 171p.

Avis Europe, the car-hire group which was under-subscribed and went to a 24p discount to its 250p offer-for-sale price in October last year, has at last risen above the value put on it by its broker, Cazenove. Up 2p yesterday, to 254p, the shares are now hovering near their peak of 257p, touched on Friday.

The shares have been rising steadily since just before Christmas when the company hosted a presentation for Scottish fund-managers.

A spokesman for the company commented: "I think we have finally shaken out the last of the disgruntled underwriters."

Yesterday, Avis, capitalized at almost £280 million, announced the acquisition of Sociedade de Viaturos de Alquer, the largest car-rental company in Portugal, for £5.57 million. It already operates under the Avis name and Avis already owned 33⅓ per cent.

McCarthy & Stone, the builder of sheltered accommodation for the elderly, continues to recover from recent dullness and has featured prominently among the numerous new year press tips.

Yesterday, the shares rose by a further 9p to 361p — just 11p short of their high — prompted by suggestions that a large overseas buyer was doing the rounds. Last month, the shares stood at a lowly 242p, ahead of figures for the year to August 31 showing pretax profits up from £9.55 million to £16.1 million.

A bullish circular from the company's own broker, Barclays de Zoete Wedd, disappointed the market with its estimate of £23 million profits for the current year. But Mr Robert Lister, an analyst at BZW, says the short-term sellers appear to be out of the way and that the shares remain cheap with good prospects.

Meanwhile, the shares of **Albert Fisher**, the fresh fruit and vegetable distributor, were hitting fresh heights, with a rise of 16.5p to 207.5p. A bullish, 20-page circular on the company from Wood Mackenzie, the influential Scottish broker, was landing on the desk of most leading fund-managers yesterday.

Mr Robert Brand, a food analyst at Wood Mackenzie, is forecasting a 55 per cent increase in earnings a share over the next two years and expects to see pretax profits rise from £8.4 million to £16.3 million in the current year to August.

Newspaper publishers are still "flavour of the month" among a number of brokers. **Associated Newspapers**, publisher of the *Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday* and *The London Evening Standard*, jumped by another 17p to a new high of 495p in the wake of a recent bullish circular from Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker.

A few weeks ago, Associated was trading at about the 350p level. Kleinwort has described the shares as a "treasure trove of value." Kleinwort is also keen on **United Newspapers**, publisher of the *Daily Express, Sunday Express* and *The Star*; it rates it as an attractive income stock with a running yield of 5.7 per cent.

After a hiccup in earnings growth last year following the acquisition of Fleet Holdings and the reorganization of Express Newspapers, Kleinwort is expecting an increase of about 40 per cent in earnings a share this year.

Mr Luke Johnson, an analyst at Grieveson, is looking for pretax profits for the year just ended to grow from £34.9 million to £55 million. This should be followed by £75.9 million in the current year.

The big insurance composites have been left behind by the rest of the market in recent weeks, but were making every effort to make up some of the lost ground yesterday.

Full-year figures out today from Crown Television, up 3p at 80p, mean little. Higher interest costs and depreciation charges are the price paid to broaden the company's base. These are non-recurring items and followers reckon profits and earnings should double this year.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	949	Ladbroke	410
Amstrad	4,100	Land Securities	1,000
ASDA-MFI	5,800	Legal & Gen	1,100
Ass Br Foods	979	Lloyds	1,400
BET	85	Lonrho	1,100
BTR	4,400	Marks & Spencer	3,000
BAT	3,900	Midland	990
Barclays	2,100	Nat West	2,700
Bass	421	P & O Dfrd	1,200
Beecham	2,400	Pearson	2,600
Blue Circle	134	Pilkington Bros	1,700
BOC	5,300	Plessey	12,000
Boots	29,000	Prudential	1,700
BPB Ind	349	Racal Elect	29,000
Br Aerospace	601	Rank Org	503
Br Gas	34,000	Rank Hovis	332
Br Petroleum	4,000	Reckitt Colman	172
Br Telecom	6,000	Redland	361
Britoil	3,800	Reed Int	1,200
Burton	7,700	Reuters	195
Cable & Wireless	2,700	RTZ	594
Cadbury Schweppes	6,900	Rowntree	2,800
Coats Viyella	1,200	Royal Ins	1,100
Com Union	3,800	Saatchi	969
Cons Goldfields	1,900	Sainsbury (J)	619
Cookson Gp	1,900	Scot Newell	1,200
Courtaulds	1,700	Sears	5,600
Dee Corp	1,500	Sedgwick Gp	512
Dixons Gp	1,900	Shell	6,500
Fisons	950	Smith & Nephew	9,300
Gen Accident	192	STC	4,900
GEC	35,000	Stan Chart	2,200
Glaxo	1,300	Storehouse	2,000
Granada	1,700	Sun Alliance	1,300
Grand Met	1,700	Tarmac	1,800
GUS 'A	378	TSB P/P	8,800
GRE	122	Tesco	2,000
GKN	2,200	Thorn EMI	1,400
Guinness	7,700	Trafalgar House	6,600
Hanson	8,400	Trusthouse Forte	6,300
Hawker Siddeley	1,500	Unilever	48
Hillsdown	1,000	Utd Biscuits	1,100
Imp Chem Ind	2,900	Wellcome	3,500
Imp Cont Gas	920	Whitbread 'A'	1,400
Jaguar	1,400	Woolworth	1,200

Profits at Fiat jump 12.5% as debt plummets

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The Fiat Group has announced a 12.5 per cent rise in profits to 2,550 billion lire (£1.285 billion) in 1986 on an improved turnover of L29,020 billion.

Borrowings for the Italian company were dramatically reduced by 125 per cent to L1,050 billion and despite the cost of the Alfa Romeo takeover and expansion in many fields, it expects to cut debt to zero by the end of 1987.

Preliminary results announced by Fiat's chairman, Signor Giovanni Agnelli yesterday, show that cash flow increased by 25 per cent to L3,700 billion, and investment rose by 94 per cent to reach L2,780 billion. An expanded research and development budget of L920 billion represents more than 3 per cent of sales.

Signor Agnelli told shareholders that 1986 "must be considered a fundamental year because we have reached an income level which puts us in a position of strength *vis-à-vis* the challenges we have set ourselves and the inevitable cyclical scenarios which lie in store for us".

Fiat's core business remains the car company which accounts for 57 per cent of group turnover, after a 14 per cent rise in sales compared with a 7 per cent improvement for Fiat SpA. Having successfully revived first Fiat and then Lancia, the big challenge for Signor Vittorio Ghidella, Fiat Auto's managing director, is to repeat the turnaround of Alfa Romeo.

Fiat took over the loss-making, state-owned Milanese car maker at the beginning of this month. It has formed a new company, Alfa Lancia, which though combining some production facilities and engineering development, retains separate sales and marketing operations for Alfa and Lancia. The aim is to push Alfa Romeo's sporting image and raise output from less than 200,000 cars a year to almost 400,000, with Lancia occupying the luxury niche and selling perhaps another 200,000.

The last year has seen Fiat expanding in a broad spread of fields. It established a new company with the French concern Matra with the aim of becoming "the leading European components producer for the automotive industry".

Fiat's truck operation, Iveco, is emerging as one of the winners in the troubled European truck market and its prospects were enhanced by the setting-up of a joint venture with Ford to establish Iveco Ford Truck.

Japanese competition in the excavator market was neatly harnessed by setting up a new factory under Fiatallis-Hitachi joint management. The tractor and truck subsidaries signed agreements with the Chinese aimed at giving Fiat a big presence there. Fiat also took a 7.4 per cent stake in the British helicopter maker Westland.

Rover set to sell Sherpa offshoot

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Freight Rover, the successful Sherpa van business of the Rover Group, is expected to be offered for sale with the ailing Leyland Trucks operation in a privatization package that should be concluded within the next few weeks.

Rover declined to confirm or deny the addition of Freight Rover, but it could add to the attractiveness of the commercial vehicle operation to potential purchasers.

Daf of the Netherlands is believed to be the front runner in the sale, closely followed by Paccar, the United States truck maker which owns Foden in Britain.

The Dutch company is favourite because of its longstanding ties with Leyland, a relationship that was extended recently when Daf announced its decision to sell a wider range of trucks and vans, including the Sherpa van and the Leyland Roadrunner light trucks.

A potential Daf takeover, however, is causing disquiet in some circles about future use of Daf components in Leyland trucks and possible loss of British jobs.

Paccar's president, Mr Charles Piggott, was reported yesterday as saying that his group would consider bringing some US research and development work to Britain in a bid to make full use of Leyland's modern facilities.

A decision on the Leyland and Freight Rover sale was expected to be made by the Rover board, led by chairman Mr Graham Day, before the end of this month, followed by government approval.

The decision is tied to the five-year Rover corporate plan which Mr Day submitted to the Department of Trade and Industry before Christmas. This is believed to include a plan for one final tranche of state aid to allow Mr Day's radical, commercially-oriented schemes for the group, involving much closer ties with Honda of Japan, to be implemented, and leading to eventual privatization of the whole group.

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Wardley European	April '85	92.6%	£1,926
Laurentian Growth	June '85	103.7%	£2,037
Sunlife Japan Growth	July '85	100.7%	£2,007
S&P Japan Growth	July '85	104.1%	£2,041
Fidelity Japan	Aug '85	104.5%	£2,045
Henderson Jap. Special Sits	Aug '85	115.0%	£2,115
Growth in just six months Name of Fund	Date Recommended	Growth over 6 months	Value of £1,000* invested
Holborn Japan	Sept '85	49.4%	£1,494
Holborn Europe	Oct '85	56.1%	£1,561
Eagle Star Far Eastern	Nov '85	49.5%	£1,495
MIM Japan Performance	Dec '85	58.9%	£1,589
Schroder Japan Smaller Co's	Dec '85	52.6%	£1,526
Lloyd's Japan	Jan '86	60.6%	£1,606

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TI acquires Armco subsidiary

By Cliff Feltham

TI, the engineering group, is paying £27 million for the specialized, European-based tubing business of Armco Inc, the US group.

The deal will add sales of about £85 million to TI's existing operation, Fulton (TI), based in Telford, Shropshire, which has a turnover of £9 million. The book value of the assets being acquired is £27 million. Last year the Armco subsidiary, which employs 2,000 people, earned pretax profits of £4.4 million.

The new business will be managed through a new company, TI Eurotube BV, which will be based in The Netherlands. TI will now become the market leader in the manufacture of brake and fuel lines for the car industry and for tubular condensers, evaporators and shelving used in the refrigeration industry. In each industry the market share is about 45 per cent.

A TI spokesman said: "The addition of a further £85 million of sales gives scope to increase our profits from a market sector where we have proven skills. The location of the new manufacturing units also provides us with a much wider market potential for our existing products."

New hope for trade talks

Geneva (AP Dow Jones) — Officials from 30 countries appear near agreement on a negotiating programme for a new round of global trade talks and should meet their Wednesday deadline, a month after failing to meet the original deadline, a trade source said yesterday.

The source, who insisted on anonymity, said agriculture remained an area of disagreement, but it appeared differences could be resolved.

He said the current US-Common Market dispute would probably not disrupt the talks

Banks back $2.6bn financial restructuring at CH Tung

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

One of the biggest financial reconstructions outside sovereign debt was signed in Hong Kong yesterday.

Thirty-seven banks and leasing companies have agreed to the US$2.6 billion (£1.68 billion) restructuring of the troubled CH Tung shipping group.

The deal was finally agreed at an international closing meeting yesterday morning linking Hong Kong, Japan and New York.

It involves a capital reorganization of the publicly listed arm of the shipping empire Orient Overseas Holdings.

The Hong Kong businessman Mr Henry Fok is injecting US$100 million and existing shareholders will receive new ordinary shares while warrant-holders will receive new warrants in the restructured company. Dealings in the new shares and warrants are expected to start on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on February 10.

The restructuring also involves the setting up of Island Navigation Corporation Holdings as the holding company for the tanker and bulk cargo business of the Tung group.

The Tung Holdings Trust will hold, in trust for the Tung group's 230 creditors, at least three quarters of the shares of Orient Overseas Holdings and Island Navigation Corporation Holdings.

Immediately after the deal was closed yesterday, two new Tung group ships were delivered by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.

Yesterday, Mr CH Tung, the chairman, said: "With reduced levels of debt and a strengthened equity base, the new group is well placed to succeed in future years".

COMPANY NEWS

- **RAGLAN PROPERTY TRUST:** No interim dividend for the six months to Sept. 30. Turnover £4.76 million (£4.59 million). Pretax profit £239,000 (£122,000). Earnings per share 0.13p (0.05p). Subject to the timing of certain contracts, the board is confident that the company will have a successful year. Planning permission for the £16 million shopping scheme at Evesham is expected shortly.
- **ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS:** ECC Quarries, the construction materials division, has exchanged contracts for the purchase of two quarries belonging to Salop Sand and Gravel for £2.04 million in cash. The quarries are at Crewe, Cheshire, and Stourport-on-Severn, Worcestershire, and will form strategic additions to ECC's aggregate interests in the Midlands. The company also announces expenditure of £10 million on refurbishing the important Croft Quarry at Leicester, which will substantially increase capacity.
- **APPLIED HOLOGRAPHICS:** Six months to Sept. 30. Turnover £59,653 (£32,155). Loss, before and after tax, £440,366 (£477,434). Loss per share 4.1p (5.7p). Sound progress has been made in the first half with the setting-up of the new foil production facility. The board is confident that the second half will show a marked improvement in turnover.
- **MARKHEATH SECURITIES:** Interim dividend 0.8p for the half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £1.07 million (£252,000). Pretax loss £348,000 (£387,000 loss). Loss per share 0.74p (0.90p). Having regard to the current trading position, the directors believe that the group's earnings and asset-base should grow significantly during the current year. The rental income from the industrial property investment at Enfield is expected to increase from £550,000 to more than £700,000 annually.

More company news is on page 24

- **KENMARE OIL EXPLORATION:** Celtic Basin Oil disposed of 150,000 shares on Jan. 9 and 50,000 shares on Jan. 20, leaving a registered holding of 2.44 million shares (21.9 per cent).
- **APEX PROPERTIES:** Six months to Sept. 30. Rents receivable £632,506 (£604,948). Loss before tax £57,235 (profit £318,440).
- **SPP:** The company has sold one of its subsidiaries, Europump Services to Europump Holdings, a company owned largely by Europump's senior management. The sale is for a cash consideration of £150,000, which is equal to the net book value of the business.
- **COURTAULDS:** The company has reached agreement in principle for the acquisition from Dexter Corp of the US of a further 30 per cent in Hysol Grafil, the carbon-fibre manufacturer, taking Courtaulds' holding in the joint venture to 80 per cent. Dexter will retain 20 per cent. The present relationships between Dexter and Courtaulds will continue. The consideration will be in cash and will be less than 2 per cent of Courtaulds' net assets.
- **THROGMORTON TRUST:** Total dividend 9.60p (8.35p) for the year to Nov. 30. Gross revenue £12.9 million (£10.67 million). Net revenue from ordinary activities, before tax £7.77 million (£6.76 million). Earnings per share 9.66p (8.36p).
- **WILLIAM SINCLAIR:** The company has acquired Inside/Outside from Mr and Mrs M Hall for a maximum of £300,000 in cash. Inside/outside is an importer of terracotta home and garden ware. This purchase is a further step in the development of Sinclair as a major force in the garden leisure market.
- **FLOGAS:** Half-year to Nov. 30. Interim dividend 1.9p (1.27p), payable on March 2. Pretax profit Ir£1.36 million (£1.3 million), against Ir£658,000. Turnover Ir£7.6 million (Ir£8.85 million). Earnings per share 6.71p (3.40p).

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Gone to ground

Tony Parnes, the ertswhile Laing & Cruickshank half-commission man named as the go-between between Guinness and Gerald Ronson has, I hear, had more than the occasional tête-a-tête with the DTI's investigators. The growing assumption that he must by now be "naming names" is sending shock waves through his long list of influential City clients. Parnes – known on the floor of the exchange as "the animal" – is believed to hold the key to the identities of the other beneficiaries of the indemnified Guinness share deals. With his co-operation the investigators could be saved months of tiresome paper-work.

Never normally far from a phone – and his next deal – the flamboyant Parnes, whose brother-in-law is Gerald Ratner, chairman of the jewellery chain, has been uncharacteristically elusive of late. He is believed to have gone to ground in his £4 million Hampstead mansion. It is not, however, the first time his luxury pad has been used as a hideaway. In 1979 he sheltered Rolf Schild, chairman of USM-quoted Huntleigh Technology, while Schild's wife and daughter were being held by kidnappers in Sardinia. Parnes even flew to Sardinia to negotiate with the bandits and handled the sale of stock owned by Schild to pay for the ransom.

"Owing to share-buying indecision, you may experience some inner turbulence"

Good words

As Lord Goodman said to a deafening chorus of assent: "There can hardly be a publicly-quoted company which could not find its ownership transferred to another company, not even necessarily larger or richer. I do not believe that this is a problem that can be resolved by improved take-over codes or even by looking across the Atlantic for guidance from the American SEC. I believe that any solution requires the firm recognition that the issues involved transcend the interest of shareholders, and that, virtuous as they may be as a class, our devotion to their interests, regardless of other factors, is misguided and damaging to the national picture." Is there anything new? The wisest living Englishman was writing on the subject of takeover bids in *The Sunday Times* of January 12, 1969.

Bid premium

Anthony Pilkington, had a double celebration last week: he won a £1,000 premium bond prize just four days before BTR withdrew its fiercely-contested takeover bid for the "family" firm. "I read it as a good omen and had a feeling that we would win," he told me. To celebrate Anthony is taking a ski-ing holiday with his wife. "We booked it for after the 60th day so I've now got another month to wait." The Pilkingtons like the occasional celebration. Anthony's cousin, eccentric Harry, who was chairman when the company was floatedin 1970, marked the occasion bytreating himself to a new bicycle cape.

Goose cooked

Sir Donald Gosling was down at Tower Pier last night checking over his £3m yacht Brave Goose, after its narrow scrape through Richmond bridge. The 350-tonne luxury sea vessel grounded itself in the mud of the Thames after trying to squeeze under the bridge and was eventually freed by Thames Water tugs on the first tide yesterday morning. Sir Donald, chairman of privately-owned National Car Parks, said: "We hadn't taken the extra water from all the melting snow into our calculations. We managed to get it through yesterday with exactly three inches to spare. You couldn't have stood a wine glass on it." The all-British boat will complete its sea trials next month and will then sail down to the Med. It will cost around £300.000 a year to run but Sir Donald tells me he will more than recoup that from chartering fees.

Carol Leonard

TRENDS

Hidden dangers in the takeover explosion

In business, big is beautiful, and the tide is still turning towards greater industrial concentration

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

	Number of companies acquired	Expenditure on acquisitions (£m)
1980	469	1,475
1981	452	1,144
1982	463	2,206
1983	447	2,344
1984	568	5,475
1985 Q1	104	1,982
Q2	100	1,900
Q3	148	2,222
Q4	122	986
1986 Q1	108	2,092
Q2	128	6,379
Q3	207	2,831

Source : Department of Trade & Industry

The takeover boom has raised many questions, not all of them to do with misconduct during bids. One unanswered question is what effect the wave of takeovers and mergers will have on the concentration of output within British industry.

That there has been a wave of takeover activity is indisputable. In the first nine months of last year, £11.3 billion was spent by predators in acquiring 443 companies.

This compares with the previous full-year record in 1985 of £7.1 billion, which will have been all but doubled last year, when the final quarter's figures become available.

All this takeover activity can have but one result. Output, employment and profits have become concentrated in fewer hands. Big is beautiful, as well as powerful and profitable.

But how does this square up with the Government's claims, supported by official statistics, that there has been a small business revolution in Britain since 1979? Small businesses have sprung up in increasing numbers. Small too, it appears, is beautiful.

The first point to make is that up-to-date figures on industrial concentration are notoriously difficult to come by. Unless the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has put a particular industry under its microscope, most analysis has to be conducted on the basis of information several years out of date.

Monopolies Commission figures on the brewing industry, for example, show that in 1967, the "Big Six" brewers accounted for 68 per cent of the British market. By 1984 that share had increased to about 74 per cent.

The latest official figures for all industries come from the 1983 Census of Production. They show wide variations in concentration between different industries. In basic industrial chemicals, for example, the top five producers accounted for 59 per cent of output.

In pharmaceuticals, the top five figure was 35 per cent; in basic electrical equipment 48 per cent; telecommunications equipment 49 per cent; metal-working machine tools 13 per cent and other machinery and mechanical equipment also 13 per cent.

Stuck between the 1980-81 recession and the 1985-86 takeover boom, the figures have a doubtful usefulness. However, they do tell us that even after the recession of the early Eighties, when industries such as engineering and machine tools were particularly hard hit, these industries remained competitive, in the sense of output being divided among a large number of producers.

This is notable because there has been a clear change in the pattern of takeover activity over the past few years. In 1980, the average value of each acquisition was just £3.1 million, fitting the popular view that smaller, recession-hit companies were being mopped up at knock-down prices.

More recently, there has been a shift towards mega-mergers. The reason for the surge to £6.4 billion in the amount spent on takeovers in the second quarter of last year was principally the inclusion in that quarter of the £2.56 billion Hanson Trust acquisition of Imperial, and the now notorious £2.53 billion takeover of Distillers by Guinness.

It is, therefore, possible to view recent takeover activity in two distinct stages. In the early Eighties, there was some swallowing up of troubled companies hit by the recession. But this occurred when takeover activity in total was at a much lower level – partly because many potential predators were also experiencing recession difficulties – and does not appear to have resulted in a significant increase in industrial concentration.

The 1985-86 merger boom, in contrast, has occurred during a period of buoyant company profitability and has featured, in the largest examples at least, takeovers across industries rather than within them.

Of course, takeovers across industries can result in a reduction in competition if it is possible, for example, for a large company to force rivals out of the market by undercutting through cross-subsidization from the other industries in which the firm operates.

But, in the specific sense of concentration within individual industries, the great takeover boom does not yet appear to have resulted in a large increase.

One can argue that this, set against the Government's goals, is a modest achievement. It does not say a great deal for the small business revolution if the pattern since 1979 has been for an increase in industrial concentration, albeit a gentle one.

There has been an increase in the number of small businesses in Britain during the 1980s, although it is dwarfed by the much larger surge claimed for the number of people self-employed.

As measured by the number of businesses registering for VAT, and set against numbers de-registering, there was a 150,000 increase in the number of small businesses between 1980 and 1985.

Not all of these will have been new businesses, some may have simply climbed to the VAT threshold. And the figures do not include those businesses exempt from VAT.

The number of self-employed people in Britain increased from 1.95 million in the middle of 1980 to 2.745 million in the middle of last year, a rise of nearly 800,000.

Much of the growth in small businesses and self-employment occurred as a result of larger companies contracting out work. Apart from the earlier recession, this is one reason why manufacturing employment has continued to decline. Companies are paying outsiders to undertake some work previously carried out by staff on the payroll.

Even if this trend continues, the output of these small businesses and self-employed people will not affect measures of industrial concentration; it will be subsumed within the output of larger companies.

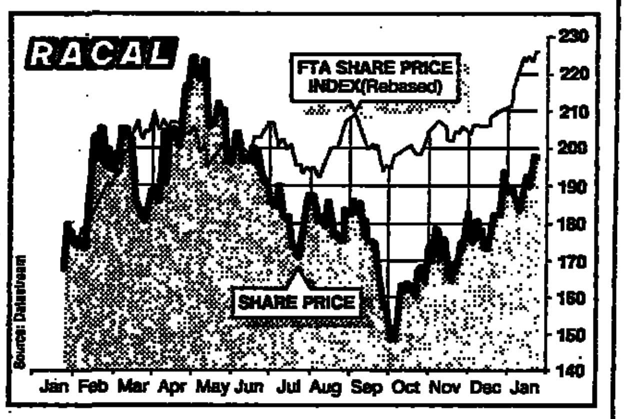
In some sectors where the growth of small businesses has been strong over a number of years – retailing, for example – this has occurred within a sector that is strong. Growth in the number of small businesses has not prevented increased concentration in most types of retailing.

The boom in the value, if not the number of takeovers, reached a peak in the second quarter of last year, which is unlikely to be assailed for a number of years. But even a continuation of takeover activity at a more subdued pace for a number of years would result in a steady increase in industrial concentration. And even the continued growth in the number of small businesses will not prevent that from happening.

David Smith
Economics Correspondent

TEMPUS

Sid will be welcomed aboard BA flight 125



Source: Datastream

The small share buyer will be more than welcome on the share register of British Airways, the chairman, Lord King, said yesterday, despite the government health warnings.

Just to ram home the point, Fanfare for the Common Man was the music that heralded yesterday's gala unveiling of the final details of the flotation.

The 125p offer price, giving a forecast price/earnings ratio of 6.3 on actual tax and 9.5 assuming 35 per cent tax, appears to place BA in the bargain basement of world airline stocks, despite an expected fall in profits from £195 million to £145 million in the year to end March. (One broker not associated with the issue predicts £151 million).

Those who want the industry represented in their portfolios, a weighting towards BA would now appear to make the most sense.

Given the different valuations on markets, price/earnings ratios are probably not the best guide to BA's place on the scoreboard. Cash flow multiples are probably a more realistic guide, according to some of that growing band of British airline analysts.

On this basis, BA is offered at 2.4 times cash flow. Those European airlines which it most closely resembles, although all airlines have distinct personalities, are considerably more expensive. KLM comes at 3.1 times, Lufthansa at 3.3 and Swissair at 5.3.

A look at the Americans shows why US institutions are likely to be enthusiastic. They are paying up to ten times cash flow for local airlines, and are getting little or no yield. BA offers 6.8 per cent from what is a blue chip stock.

Whether it will pay individuals to stag the issue is not clear. Analysts predict a 10 per cent premium, but also forecast that the size of foreign demand will mean substantial scaling down of applications, even if clawback clauses are triggered.

For the longer term holder, Lord King's judgement that it is BA that is most in step with the stock market, not British Gas or Telecom is right. BA is in a volatile and competitive business. The management is good, but often it has to be reactive. Which is why the yield fairly sums up the risks.

Racal Electronics

Racal Electronics returned a mixed bag of results for analysts to chew over at the interim stage. Two of its six divisions were awful, two were much better than expected and two, Security and Radar, were disappointing.

The low oil price was blamed for the poor performance in both the marine and energy and the radio communications divisions, which each lost £3 million in the six months to October 10.

In marine and energy, the weak tanker market is expected to persist. Losses will continue in the second half, despite cost reductions, but a modest profit is expected next year.

Losses in radio communications were due to the inability of its oil-exporting customers to finance their purchases. This division should make a profit in the full year.

The divisions which performed much better than expected were data communications and telecommunications. Data communications made £15.7 million in the half year, against £1.8 million last year. The group is moving away from the commodity end of this business, but this performance has also been helped by cost cutting and a buoyant market.

Vodaphone, the telecommunications subsidiary, continues to exceed expectations. It now has 67,000 subscribers and should break even at the operating level this year. Racal is budgeting for 950 new subscribers a month.

The company is now looking to Chubb, its security division, as a second growth business. But the 4 per cent increase in interim profits to £12.1 million from this source was a big disappointment, and the company will have its work cut out to convince the market that it can do better.

Buying out the minority in Vodaphone earlier this year has left Racal with 64 per cent gearing, a level which should fall to below 57 per cent by the end of the financial year.

Analysts are looking for £102 million to £112 million pretax for the full year. The prospective multiple of 18.5 discounts Vodaphone's success and looks over-inflated unless the group can unlock profits from security.

The shares are too expensive to buy, but highly rated paper will allow the group to pursue acquisitions in the security business.

Mercantile House

The market had not been expecting much from Mercantile House but, even so, the extent of the first-half shortfall threw dealers off balance. The price dropped, reflecting their disappointment and the lowering of full-year forecasts.

A dull gilts market combined with the exceptional costs associated with the securities operation, Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank, spelt disaster for investment banking activities which made a loss. At best, they will break even by the year end.

Brighter spots include Marshalls, the money broker, and Oppenheimer, the US mutual fund. It is going from strength to strength with about $10 billion (£6.5 billion) under management.

The contribution from related companies reflects the reduced shareholding in the US operations, OpCap (fund management) and OpCo (securities).

The high tax charge is attributable to the greater proportion of US profits combined with an exceptional liability to witholding tax. It will remain high this year but should drop to nearer 45 per cent in 1987-88.

Sceptics remain nervous about the future of the profit-sharing partnership between the William Street Group's fixed interest broking and its customers. As yet it is faring better than expected.

The second half of the year is unlikely to be as strong as the first so full-year profits will be nearer to £50 million than £60 million. The rating of the shares is abnormally high owing to the high tax charge and persistent takeover speculation. On trading grounds alone, however, there is little justification for the current price.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Time for the Bank to wield a big stick

There is nothing new about merchant banks and stockbrokers sailing as close as possible to the wind in takeover situations. And, as the Bank of England will no doubt soon discover, it may need a big stick to counter this natural tendency for long. Dirty tricks led to the setting up of the Takeover Panel and its Code. Not long afterwards, it became clear that a rebuke from the Panel for acting too vigorously in the interest of a client was far from being disastrous publicity in the search for new clients. That in turn led to the panel being beefed up and its rules becoming much more systematic and detailed.

But the status and authority of institutions go in cycles and there is no doubt that the Takeover Panel has been on the downswing for some time.

The Governor, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, is only too well aware that the fingers of those calling for action to save the good name of the government's legal framework for the City – let alone the good name of the financial markets – are pointing at the Bank parlour where he presides.

He has responded in three ways. The Bank has subtly let it be known that it demanded the heads of bankers at Morgan Grenfell and Ansbachers (though demanded is not a word in the Bank's own vocabulary).

It has sent a letter to some 25 merchant banks warning them to review the control systems of their corporate finance departments to ensure that those most successful at bringing in the fees do not suppose they have 007 designation.

The message is clearly that, after this letter, top men in multifaceted banks cannot claim immunity from the indiscretions of their subordinates.

Lastly – though surely not finally – the Governor warned in his speech to the Institute of Bankers in Scotland on Monday night that the informal and flexible regulation of takeover tactics was in jeopardy if those who use it do not behave better.

"If practitioners do not respect the system, we shall have little choice but to replace it with one incorporating statutory powers of enforcement and statutory sanctions".

That is not the language the City usually hears from the Governor and his tone will be noticed.

A Panel operating with statutory powers, or at least transparently able to call on the Bank of England's statutory powers, might not be a bad thing. Indeed, it might seem the logical alternative to coming within the ambit of the Securities and Investments Board under the Financial Services Act, which it declined to do. Its anomalous status, if not its judgments, have already been challenged to some effect in the courts.

The Panel has chiefly been undermined, however, because some basic parts of its code have not caught up with the increasing sophistication of the takeover industry. The rise of professional arbitrageurs and financiers taking freelance positions in the hope of drumming up takeovers have tilted the effect of the rules in favour of bidders. So has the practice of merchant banks taking large positions in aid of their clients.

The increasing need for cash alternatives has led banks to take on huge if short-lived underwriting risks as well as obligations to underwriting syndicates. The temptation to support share prices and get round the prohibition on buying shares in the victim company above the bid price has grown accordingly. That tilting balance has led defenders to engage in equally risky and even more questionable counter measures.

The rules need to be rewritten to take account of the new balance. They should reduce permitted purchases of the victim companys. And they must drastically curtail or even eliminate dealings by either side in the shares of bidders or their rivals. That would certainly have cut away some of the scandal over Guinness, though it might have made life harder for the Government over Westland.

Stage set for export boom

Devaluation may not be such a bad idea after all. Although the US balance of payments has yet to reflect the impact of the long fall in the dollar, a more competitive level for sterling is presenting industry in Britain with its best opportunity for some time.

The latest temperature-taking by the Confederation of British Industry confirms that the outlook for exports is healthy. Of the near-1,500 companies responding to the CBI's quarterly trends survey, a balance of 21 per cent expect export deliveries to increase over the next four months, up from 11 per cent in October. There is also a positive balance of 21 per cent expecting higher export orders. It is the most optimistic showing for two years.

The history of devaluations is one of a more competitive exchange rate being offset sooner or later – and usually sooner – by higher pay increases as wage bargainers seek to recoup the effects of higher inflation on their standard of living. This may yet occur, but present economic circumstances are more favourable than usual.

Although inflation is expected to rise slightly in the middle of the year, cheap commodity prices will keep it at a relatively low rate by recent standards. At the same time, productivity is rising rapidly, not least because domestic demand is buoyant and output can be increased to meet it without any commensurate increase in the numbers employed. Recently, unit costs have been rising even more slowly than in West Germany. And there are at least some signs of restraint on the pay front.

The boost which exports may give to output this year seems to have dawned on forecasters only rather slowly. The Treasury's monthly review of forecasts shows that exports this year are expected on average to rise by 3.8 per cent compared with 3.2 per cent expected by forecasters three months ago. Judging by the CBI information, it may be wise to upgrade this further.

Much could go wrong with the happy prospect outlined to the CBI. A trade war such as that brewing between the EEC and US this month could badly undermine the prospect of an increase in world trade this year. But given a reasonable level of demand emerging in the industrialized countries following last year's fall in oil prices, British manufacturers are well placed.

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APPOINTMENTS

Midland Bank Group: **Mr Eugene Lockhart** becomes chief executive, information technology, and a member of the group's executive committee.

Morgan Grenfell Securities: ***Mr Tony Bohannon*** *is made a* director.

Valin Pollen: **Mr Charles Downing, Miss Juliet Jordan** and **Miss Penny Rome** have joined the board.

James Ferguson Holdings: **Mr Stanley Wright** becomes a non-executive director.

Atco: **Mr Roger Russell-Smith** is now technical director and **Mr Ian Doughty** manufacturing director.

Howden Group: **Mr K Johnsen** becomes group chief executive and **Mr R Watson** joins the group as finance director.

MIM Development Capital: **Mr Richard Connell** is now managing director.

James Tuckey

MEPC: **Mr J Tuckey** becomes deputy managing director.

Persimmon Homes: **Mr Michael Allen** has been appointed chairman of Persimmon Homes (Anglia).

Ryarsh Brick: **Mr H Schmidt-Hansen** is made chairman and managing director and **Mr N Bright** and **Mr B Prime** become directors.

CompAir Holman: **Mr Keith Marks** becomes finance director.

Castell Safety International: **Mr John Zarno** is made managing director.

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Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

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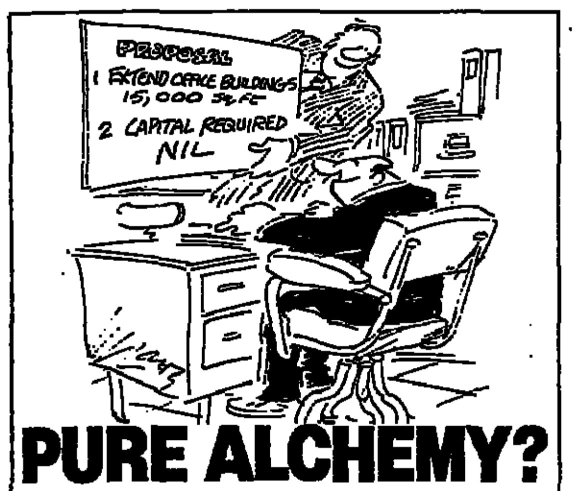
BCCI	11.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	11.00%
Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	11.00%
TSB	11.00%
Citibank NA	11.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.



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Marine insurers stay afloat amid world shipping slump

By Alison Eadie

After several disastrous years, marine insurers fared better last year despite the continuing worldwide shipping slump, according to the annual report of the Institute of London Underwriters (ILU).

Shipping and aviation losses were lower last year, although the damage to the *Dutch submarine Walrus* could still prove to be the largest single marine claim of all time, the report said. The submarine, damaged by fire in a Rotterdam floating dock, had an insured value of £111 million. The latest repair cost estimates are £85 million.

Hull casualty statistics for 1986 showed that 156 ships, totalling 1.21 million gross tons, were lost compared with 189 ships, totalling 1.29 million gross tons, in 1985. However, air and sea strikes in the Arabian Gulf by Iran and Iraq doubled last year to affect 98 vessels.

Aviation losses recovered after the worst year on record in 1985. A total of 15 jet airliners with a value of $119 million (£79 million) were lost, compared with 18 jets in 1985, valued at $400 million. Liability losses arising from passenger deaths also fell with 392 deaths last year, compared with 1,534 in 1985.

The offshore industry was a problem area with half the world's drilling rig fleet inactive. Although the number of wells being drilled was greatly reduced, losses were still sufficiently large to deplete severely the already diminishing volume of premium, the report said.

Last year witnessed the largest-ever jack-up drilling rig loss, when the Mexico 11 sank to the seabed after a fire causing damage valued at $52.5 million. The ILU expressed concern about the "stacking" of idle rigs, particularly where there were large accumulations in exposed areas both on and offshore.

Flagging-out was also a cause for concern. The ILU pointed out that tonnage registered under the British flag was for the first time smaller than that of the flagged-out fleet controlled by British-registered companies.

Mr David Lowen, ILU chairman, said growth in pure marine direct business could not be expected in the forseeable future and the prolonged shipping depression meant that old tonnage was not being replaced by new,

On the rocks: the 54,000-on bulk carrier Kowloon Bridge off the coast of southern Ireland

De Laurentiis goes public in Australia

Sydney (AP-Dow Jones) – Mr Dino De Laurentiis, the American film producer, said he will offer Australian investors shares in De Laurentiis Entertainment Ltd, a new film production and distribution company being formed in Australia.

De Laurentiis Entertainment Group Inc of the US will hold 46.9 per cent of the new company, which will seek listing on the Australian stock exchanges.

Mr De Laurentiis will be chairman of the Australian concern. Managing director will be Mr Terry Jackman, who has been involved in the marketing of the Australian film Crocodile Dundee, and Mr Bruce Beresford, the Australian film director, will also be a director.

The company expects to produce five films by the end of 1988 with production budgets ranging between Aus$5 million (£2.15m) and Aus$10 million.

It will build a studio 17 kilometres north of Surfers Paradise, in the state of Queensland. The state government will help to finance the studio.

The new company will also distribute US and other films in Australia and New Zealand, and will distribute Australian films in the US. It aims ultimately to become involved in theatre and television production, and television and video distribution, Mr De Laurentiis said.

De Laurentiis: branching out into Australia

Bid for car dealer lifted

By Our City Staff

Giltrap Holdings, the New Zealand car distributor, has raised its bid for the east London car dealer Frank G Gates to £11.7 million and declared the offer final.

Giltrap is now offering 140p a share cash, a 20p increase on the previous offer. There is a loan note alternative.

Gates has released details of a recent valuation of its land and property assets showing net assets of £14 million, or 167p a share. It has estimated a 26 per cent increase in pretax profits in 1986 to £1.4 million.

COMPANY NEWS

● **BERISFORDS GROUP:** Following the announcement on Jan. 22 that Ferguson Industrial Holdings had agreed to make an offer for the capital not already owned, Arbuthnot Latham Bank, the financial adviser to Ferguson, has purchased 25,000 ordinary shares in Berisfords at 152p. Ferguson together with its associates is now interested in 2.77 million ordinary shares (50.6 per cent).

● **HABIT PRECISION ENGINEERING:** Total dividend lifted to 2p (1.75p) for the year to Sept. 30. Turnover £13.42 million (£9.49 million). Pretax profit £1.05 million (£642,000). Earnings per share 7.4p (5.01p). The board reports that the current year has started "satisfactorily" and it expects further growth. In the past four years, Habit has acquired 11 new businesses. Several substantial acquisitions are under review.

● **STANDARD SECURITIES:** Total dividend 4.5p (4.05p) for the year to Sept. 30. Gross income £3.78 million (£3.47 million). Pretax profit £1.87 million (£1.71 million). Earnings per share 11.3p (8.82p). At the year-end, net assets were £26.74 million — equal to 232p per share or 216p fully diluted (1985: 217p and 205p respectively).

● **HOLMES & MARCHANT:** In connection with the acquisition of the Biggs Communications Group (Holding Company) and certain other associates, Cazenove, on behalf of the vendors of Biggs, has placed 335,758 ordinary shares at 290p each.

● **GT JAPAN INVESTMENT TRUST:** Interim payment unchanged at 0.4p for the six months to Dec. 31. Pretax profit £365,780 (£254,286). Earnings per share: diluted 0.90p (0.62p) and undiluted 0.86p (0.58p).

● **GOAL PETROLEUM:** Premier Consolidated Oilfields recently sold its 8.03 million shares in Goal to Kleinwort Grieveson Securities which, in turn, has sold a holding of 8.13 million shares to Clyde Petroleum. With other recent purchases of 850,000 shares, Clyde now owns 12.2 per cent of Goal's capital. Morgan Grenfell no longer has a notifiable interest in the company. Significant shareholdings in Goal are now Norwich Union Life (27.2 per cent); Prudential Assurance (8.2 per cent); Investors in Industry (4.8 per cent); Bricomin Investments (4.7 per cent); Electra Investment Trust (4.7 per cent).

● **NEW COURT NATURAL RESOURCES:** The company has changed its name to American Business Systems.

● **CANTORS:** Half-year to Oct. 25. Interim dividend 1p (0.75p). Turnover (excluding VAT) £15.46 million (£12.46 million). Pretax profit £598,000 (£262,000). Earnings per share 6.54p (3.47p). Additional shops from last year's acquisitions have been fully integrated and have contributed to results, the board explains. No new branches were opened during the period, but three were closed. Two branches will be opened in the second half.

● **EVE CONSTRUCTION:** Interim dividend of 1.5p for the six months to Sept. 30. Turnover £14.72 million (£13.57 million). Operating profit £1.3 million (£1.19 million). Earnings per share (weighted average) 10p (8.8p). In the first interim report since the flotation on the USM, the board says that conditions remain competitive, although showing a tendancy to be slightly less so than last year.

● **MORE O'FERRALL:** The company has purchased the assets of Multimedia for Ir£330,000 (£316,000), some of which is deferred and depends on performance over the next four years. It has also purchased Display Sign Services for Ir£76,000 in cash.

● **ANGLO NORDIC HOLDINGS:** A subsidiary, Vega-Cantley Instrument, has been sold to the Compudyne Corp of the US for about £1.47 million. Anglo has also disposed of a freehold factory at Uxbridge, Middlesex, for £1.6 million. The book value of the property at March 31 last was £1.23 million.

● **AILSA INVESTMENT TRUST:** Six months to Nov. 30. Interim dividend 1p (1p), payable on March 13. Net pretax revenue £1.36 million (£1.75 million). Earnings per share 1.81p (2.17p). The income from portfolio investments and the revenue reserves enables the board to forecast a final dividend no lower than that for 1985-86 (1.5p).

● **KLEINWORT, BENSON:** The group has formed a new investment management company in Japan — Kleinwort Benson Investment Management. It will provide investment advice and handle investment accounts. It will also operate as an independent fund-management company and provide investment advisory services in world markets for clients in Japan and in the Japanese equity market for its affiliate, Kleinwort Grieveson Investment Management, in London.

● **ATLANTIC ASSETS TRUST:** Half-year to Dec 31. Pretax revenue £974,000 (£695,000). Earnings per share 0.50p (0.34p).

● **COMPAC:** The company has entered into a joint venture agreement with British Land for the development of the Brunel Centre, a 4.94-acre site in the London Docklands Enterprise Zone. Talks for the non-recourse financing for a major part of the development costs are advanced.

● **BOC GROUP:** Edwards High Vacuum International, a group division, has bought Datametrics of Wilmington, Massachusetts, US, from Dresser Industries. Datametrics makes capacitance-type pressure and vacuum sensors, mass-flow controllers and gas-control systems as well as optical encoders for motion-control applications.

● ***GREYHOUND CORP:*** *Mr* John Teets, the chairman, reports that the company has started talks on the sale of Verex Corp and its subsidiaries. It appears that an all-cash sale of Verex can be completed at a price well above the company's current level of investment.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 10½
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying 2 mnth 10⅜ 3 mnth 10¾
Selling 2 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 13/16-10 25/32 2 mnth 10 23/32-10 45/64
3 mnth 10¾-10 45/64 6 mnth 10¼-10 3/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 1/16 2 mnth 11 11/32
3 mnth 11¼ 6 mnth 10¾

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 11¼
1 week 11 1/16-10 15/16 6 mnth 10¾-10 13/16
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 9 mnth 10¾-10⅝
3 mnth 11 1/16-11⅛ 12 mnth 10¾-10⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾ 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10¾
6 mnth 10¾ 12 mth 10¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16 2 mnth 11¼-11
3 mnth 11 3/16-10 15/16 6 mnth 10-11¼
9 mnth 10-11¼ 12 mth 10 15/16-10 11/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11 1/16-11 3 mnth 10 15/16-10 27/32
6 mnth 10 25/32-10 11/16 12 mth 10 15/16-10 9/16

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.15-6.10 3 mnth 6.10-6.05
6 mnth 6.10-6.05 12 mth 6.10-6.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6 3/16-6 call 6½-5½
3 mnth 6¼-6⅛ 1 mnth 6 3/16-6 1/16
6 mnth 6¼-6⅛

Deutschmark
7 days 4 7/16-4 5/16 call 4¼-3¾
3 mnth 4 5/16-4 3/16 1 mnth 4 5/16-4 3/16
6 mnth 4 5/16-4 3/16

French Franc
7 days 9-8¾ call 8½-7½
3 mnth 9¾-9½ 1 mnth 9¾-9½
6 mnth 9¾-9½

Swiss Franc
7 days 7 13/16-7 9/16 call 1½-½
3 mnth 3 11/16-3 9/16 1 mnth 3 9/16-3 7/16
6 mnth 3 11/16-3 9/16

Yen
7 days 4 15/16-4 13/16 call 4½-3½
3 mnth 4¾-4⅝ 1 mnth 4¾-4⅝
6 mnth 4 3/16-4 1/16

BULLION

Gold:$410.75-411.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $408.50-411.80 (£267.00-269.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $98.00-99.00 (£64.00-64.75)
Platinum $532.40 (£348.20)
Silver $5.6500-5.6700 (£3.6900-3.7050)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 29, 1986 to December 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.392 per cent.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Jan 5	Jan 16	Apr 2	Apr 13
Jan 19	Jan 30	Apr 23	May 5
Feb 2	Feb 13	May 7	May 18

Call options were taken out on: 27/1/87 Phoenix Prop., British Benzol, TV-am, Gates F, Apricot Comp., Rich. Westgarth, Hampton Trust, Unilock Holdings, First Charlotte, FJC Lilley, ASDA-MFI, BT, Times Veneer, Camford Eng., Banks (Sidney C.), British Gas, Sound Diff, Harris Queensway, Cory H, ICI, Glaxo, Boots, Borton, Amstrad, Stoddard 'A', Argyle Trust, Avesco, Black Leis., Peek Holdings, Folkers NV, Israel J, Theme Holdings, British Print.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 87	89.32	89.36	89.28	89.30	2382
Jun 87	89.76	89.78	89.74	89.74	268
Sep 87	89.91	89.93	89.90	89.90	293
Dec 87	89.91	89.91	89.91	89.89	61
Mar 88	N/T	—	—	89.76	0
Jun 88	N/T	—	—	89.60	0
Previous day's total open interest 16510					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 26859			
Mar 87	93.90	93.91	93.86	93.89	2666
Jun 87	93.98	94.00	93.97	93.99	1159
Sep 87	93.92	93.93	93.90	93.92	448
Dec 87	93.78	93.79	93.76	93.77	204
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 4630			
Mar 87	99-08	99-91	99-08	99-12	3130
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	98-18	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 111			
Mar 87	N/T	—	—	96-63	0
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 16266			
Mar 87	114-25	115-06	114-12	114-21	25264
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	114-25	0
Sep 87	N/T	—	—	115-04	0
Dec 87	N/T	—	—	114-24	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 3293			
Mar 87	180.60	182.40	180.40	182.40	741
Jun 87	N/T	—	—	185.40	0

Japan continues curb on car exports to US

Tokyo (AP-Dow Jones) – Japan will continue to hold down car exports to the United States to 2.3 million units in the fiscal year beginning in April, the International Trade and Industry Minister, Hajime Tamura, announced yesterday.

The ministry said that the decision was taken in consideration of developments affecting Japan-US economic relations.

The Japanese government has been restraining car exports to the US for the past six years, despite opposition from domestic carmakers, in an attempt to forestall trade friction with Washington.

Mr Tamura said the government decided to continue the restrictions in the light of the rising tide of protectionism in the American Congress which might worsen trade relations between the two countries.

A string of protectionist Bills are pending in Congress as the huge US trade deficit has not diminished, despite the dollar's sharp decline for more than a year.

The government was well aware, Mr Tamura said, that many Japanese carmakers had been suffering seriously from the yen's sharp appreciation. However, it had made the decision in the overall national interest.

The yen's upturn has made Japanese cars more expensive in overseas markets and has been curbing exports. The Trade Minister also said the government took US car market conditions into consideration in making the decision to continue the restrictions.

He stressed that the decision was the government's own, made without interference from the US Government or from the US car industry. He added, however, that he was convinced Americans would welcome it.

The continuation of the restrictions would apply only for fiscal 1987, he said, adding that the government would consider what it should do for 1988 after reviewing developments, including US market conditions and Japan's trade relations. The government would decide on the quota for each domestic car maker before April.

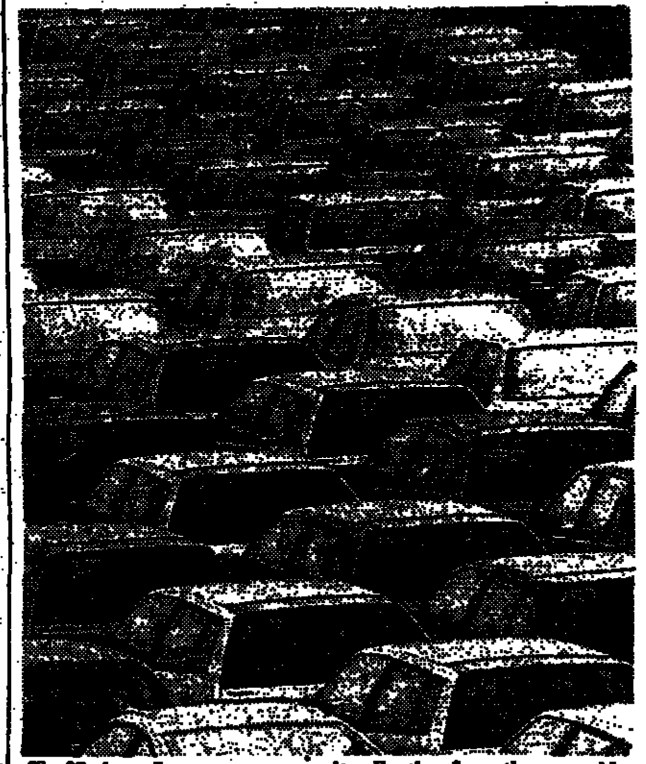
Mr Tamura also said he did not believe the continuation of Japan's export controls would push up the price of cars in the US.

Leading Japanese car makers have started or are in the process of starting car production in the US. But Mr Tamura stressed the need to strike a balance between exports from Japan and Japanese cars made in America. There is concern that Japanese cars, imported and made in the US, may flood the US market, creating further trade friction.

However, he thought Japanese car production in the US was good, contributing, for instance, to employment.

Domestic car makers responded to the government's decision with resignation.

Mr Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor Corp, Japan's largest car manufacturer, said: "While the decision is an unfortunate one, I feel that it was unavoidable." Mr Toyoo Tate, president of Mitsubishi Motors Corp, echoed this view. The trade ministry was reported to have been sounding out each major domestic car-maker on the possibility of continuing the controls since the beginning of the year while studying the US protectionist movement.



Traffic jam: Japanese cars await collection from the quayside

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 27	Market rates close January 27	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5270-1.5325	1.5315-1.5325	0.62-0.59prem	1.81-1.78prem
Montreal	2.0560-2.0660	2.0560-2.0589	0.58-0.49prem	1.71-1.55prem
Ams'dam	3.1204-3.1357	3.1204-3.1248	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4prem
Brussels	57.35-57.72	57.35-57.47	12-8prem	43-34prem
C'phgen	10.5252-10.5669	10.5344-10.5520	⅞-⅜prem	2⅞-1½prem
Dublin	1.0417-1.0466	1.0417-1.0427	17-28dis	60-82dis
Frankfurt	2.7667-2.7817	2.7667-2.7708	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4½prem
Lisbon	*214.62-216.16*	*215.64-216.16*	*142-300dis*	*280-517dis*
Madrid	195.73-196.66	195.73-196.01	18-50dis	67-107dis
Milan	1970.27-1979.08	1970.27-1974.73	2-par prem	4-1prem
Oslo	10.7501-10.7926	10.7779-10.7926	3-3½dis	12½-13½dis
Paris	9.2441-9.2857	9.2441-9.2609	1⅝-1½prem	4¼-3½prem
St'khlm	9.9347-9.9628	9.9486-9.9628	1½-1prem	2⅝-2½prem
Tokyo	232.03-232.87	232.33-232.71	1⅝-1½prem	4½-3¾prem
Vienna	19.48-19.56	19.48-19.50	10⅝-9⅝ prem	28½-25½ prem
Zurich	2.3218-2.3360	2.3218-2.3263	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.8 (day's range 68.8-68.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.0009-2.0168
Australia dollar	2.3039-2.3072
Bahrain dinar	0.5735-0.5775
Brazil cruzado*	24.44-24.57
Cyprus pound	0.7360-0.7460
Finland marka	6.9485-6.9885
Greece drachma	201.15-203.15
Hong Kong dollar	*11.8670-11.8678*
India rupee	19.70-19.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4270-0.4310
Malaysia dollar	3.8907-3.8968
Mexico peso	1445.0-1495.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8358-2.8483
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7085-5.7485
Singapore dollar	3.2690-3.2731
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3854-6.5256
S Africa rand (com)	3.1515-3.1667
U A E dirham	5.5880-5.6290

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4570-1.4610
Singapore	2.1400-2.1410
Malaysia	2.5470-2.5490
Australia	0.6625-0.6630
Canada	1.1350-1.1355
Sweden	6.5050-6.5100
Norway	7.0425-7.0475
Denmark	*6.9000-6.9050*
West Germany	1.8150-1.8160
Switzerland	1.5225-1.5235
Netherlands	2.0460-2.0470
France	6.0550-6.0100
Japan	152.03-152.13
Italy	1290.0-1291.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.80-37.85
Hong Kong	7.7685-7.7695
Portugal	141.40-141.90
Spain	127.90-128.10
Austria	12.75-12.77

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allied Lyons (*339)	300	52	60	70	2½	7	11
	330	32	40	48	10	18	20
	360	11	22	28	27	30	33
British Gas (*70)	50	21	23½	—	½	½	—
	60	12	15	17½	1	1½	2½
	70	5½	7½	10	3½	5	6
BP (*781)	650	150	160	—	2	5	—
	700	100	117	—	7	12	—
	750	58	77	100	22	28	37
Cons Gold (*761)	600	177	190	—	3	8	—
	650	130	147	—	7	19	—
	700	90	110	122	14	32	35
Courtaulds (*372)	260	120	—	—	1	—	—
	280	100	106	—	1	1½	—
	300	80	86	—	1	4	—
	330	52	61	71	5	9	13
Com Union (*302)	260	49	56	—	2	5	—
	280	31	39	45	7	10	14
	300	19	26	33	14	18	23
Cable & Wire (*358)	300	62	75	—	2	4	—
	325	42	—	—	6	—	—
	350	24	—	—	12	—	—
	360	—	27	42	—	22	30
GEC (*221)	160	56	62	—	1	3	—
	180	38	44	50	3	6	9
	200	17	26	34	9	12	18
Grand Met (*467)	360	112	—	—	1	—	—
	390	82	—	—	1½	—	—
	420	55	70	83	4	9	12
	460	28	43	58	17	22	28
ICI (*1226)	1050	190	210	—	3	9	—
	1100	149	167	—	9	16	—
	1150	102	134	162	16	25	37
	1200	67	100	123	35	40	60
Land Sec (*343)	300	51	56	66	2	3	4
	330	30	35	43	6	8	13
	360	12	16	22	20	28	30
Marks & Spen (*194)	180	24	27	37	4	7	9
	200	8	15	22	12	17	19
	220	4	6½	—	27	29	—
Shell Trans (*1096)	900	213	228	—	3	5	—
	950	163	180	—	5	11	—
	1000	113	138	145	10	20	32
Trafalgar House (*300)	260	50	58	67	2	4	6
	280	32	40	49	5	9	11
	300	18	25	33	13	18	20
TSB (*81)	70	13½	16½	18½	1	2	3
	80	6½	9½	12	4	5½	6½
	90	2	3½	—	11	11½	—
Woolworth (*704)	650	80	100	115	10	15	25
	700	50	65	80	25	35	45
	750	18	30	45	50	55	60

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Beecham (*469)	360	118	—	—	1	—	—
	390	88	97	107	1	2	5
	420	60	68	78	3	5	13
	460	27	47	57	13	22	28
Boots (*260)	200	64	70	—	½	1½	—
	220	44	50	58	1½	3	6
	240	27	32	40	3	9	12
BTR (*287)	260	30	37	46	2	6	9
	280	19	29	34	8	15	18
	300	8	16	24	20	28	30
Bass (*791)	700	103	123	130	5	8	13
	750	60	85	100	10	20	30
	800	30	49	67	35	43	50
Blue Circle (*686)	650	55	67	85	10	18	25
	700	25	40	55	30	43	47
	750	10	20	32	70	80	82
De Beers (*848)	750	200	226	245	8	16	28
	800	155	175	195	15	27	40
	850	115	140	165	25	43	60
	900	90	115	135	40	65	80
Dixons (*313)	300	26	40	48	5	9	12
	330	10	22	34	22	28	28
	360	4	14	18	50	50	52
GKN (*280)	240	54	58	65	1	1½	2
	260	36	41	48	2	6	9
	280	21	29	38	6	12	16
	300	13	18	24	17	22	27
Glaxo (*1230)	1000	250	275	305	2	8	15
	1050	200	230	260	5	13	19
	1100	155	190	220	8	22	32
	1150	110	155	185	13	32	45
Hanson (*146)	120	28½	—	—	½	—	—
Hanson (cont)	135	14	19	24½	1½	3	5
	150	5	10½	15	6½	9½	11
	165	1½	5½	9	18½	20	21
Jaguar (*589)	500	97	117	128	1	6	9
	550	47	70	80	5	16	18
	600	18	37	50	24	32	48
Thorn EMI (*573)	420	160	175	—	½	1	—
	460	120	135	140	1	2	3
	500	80	97	103	1½	5	10
	550	38	55	63	7	18	25
Tesco (*432)	360	80	90	100	2	3	9
	390	50	62	78	4	6	12
	420	27	40	58	10	18	23
Midland Bank (*601)	550	62	73	87	4	13	17
	600	17	40	57	15	35	40
	650	5	18	37	52	64	70
P & O (*565)	460	110	120	128	1	3	6
	500	70	80	90	1½	7	12
	550	25	40	55	8	18	25
Racal (*216)	160	58	64	72	½	2	4
	180	38	45	52	1	5	6
	200	19	27	34	4	10	16
RTZ (*748)	600	157	175	—	2	3	—
	650	107	127	145	2	10	13
	700	67	94	112	7	20	30
	750	30	57	77	25	40	47
Vaal Reef (*94)	80	15	18½	22	1	4	5
	90	6	12	14	4½	7	9
	100	2½	6½	8½	11½	13	14
Lonrho (*258)	200	61	63	—	1½	2½	—
	220	41	44	48	1½	6	8
	240	21	27	32	6	10	14
	260	8	14	16½	14	20	24

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
Brit Aero (*582)	460	128	130	142	1	3	3
	500	88	90	102	1½	4	9
	550	42	49	65	6	16	23
BAT Inds (*495)	390	110	115	—	1	1	—
	420	80	85	95	1½	3	5
	460	42	54	65	2	12	17
	500	13	30	45	18	27	30
Barclays (*531)	460	77	86	102	1	5	10
	500	40	57	70	5	17	20
	550	8	20	37	27	37	42
Brit Telecom (*220)	180	41	48	51	½	1½	2½
	200	21	30	33	1	5	6
	220	5½	16	20	6	10	15
Cadbury Schwpps (*228)	160	68	74	78	½	1	2
	180	49	54	62	1	3	5
	200	29	35	48	1	5	9
Guinness (286)	280	20	30	47	10	17	23
	300	7	20	38	22	25	32
	330	1	12	20	45	47	47
Ladbroke (*401)	360	46	53	63	1½	5	8
	390	18	32	43	6	15	18
	420	5	16	27	23	32	37
LASMO (*171)	140	33	37	43	1	4	5
	160	15	25	30	4	8	13
	180	5	15	21	18	20	23
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£104)	102	4 3/16	3	3 5/16	5/32	11/16	1⅛
	104	1 3/16	1½	2½	⅝	1 7/16	3 1/16
	106	⅜	15/16	1½	29/16	2 9/16	3 1/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£113)	110	3 1/16	4½	5 3/16	9/16	1⅜	2 5/16
	112	1⅞	3 3/16	4 3/16	1⅜	2¼	3 3/16
	114	1 1/16	2 7/16	3¼	2 5/16	3½	4 3/16
	116	⅜	27/16	—	3¾	4½	—
	118	3/16	13/32	—	5 9/16	6 5/16	—
	120	3/32	⅜	—	7 3/16	7½	—

		Calls Jan	Calls Feb	Calls Mar	Calls Apr	Puts Jan	Puts Feb	Puts Mar	Puts Apr
FT-SE Index (*1810)	1575	238	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
	1600	211	220	227	—	½	1	2	—
	1625	186	195	203	—	½	1	3	—
	1650	161	170	180	193	½	2	4	8
	1675	136	148	160	173	½	4	7	13
	1700	111	125	142	153	1	6	12	20
	1750	61	90	105	115	2	15	27	38
	1800	17	47	68	80	12	33	46	55

January 27, 1987. Total contracts 41175. Calls 34902. Puts 6273. *Underlying security price. FT-SE Index. Calls:2264. Puts:1182

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities hit new heights

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end February 6. §Contango day February 9. Settlement day February 16.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
2	Young 'A'	Breweries	
3	Ford Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
4	Bett Bros	Building,Roads	
5	Carclo Eng	Industrials A-D	
6	Nottingham Brick	Building,Roads	
7	TSW	Cinemas,TV	
8	Ultramar	Oil	
9	Whitworth Elect	Electricals	
10	BICC	Electricals	
11	Glanfield Lawrence	Motors,Aircraft	
12	ASDA-MFI	Foods	
13	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
14	Br Telecom	Electricals	
15	Brown Boveri Kent	Electricals	
16	Br Dredging	Building,Roads	
17	Eurotherm	Electricals	
18	Independent	Newspapers	
19	Clayform	Property	
20	Ashley (Laura)	Drapery,Stores	
21	Nat West	Banks,Discount	
22	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
23	Church	Drapery,Stores	
24	Berisford (S & W)	Foods	
25	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
26	Smith (WH) 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
27	Smiths Ind	Industrials S-Z	
28	DDT Group	Electricals	
29	Br Aerospace	Motors,Aircraft	
30	Baggeridge Brick	Building,Roads	
31	Argyll	Foods	
32	First Leisure	Leisure	
33	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
34	Westmst	Industrials S-Z	
35	DPCE	Industrials A-D	
36	Southend Stadium	Property	
37	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
38	Laporte	Chemicals,Plas	
39	Berisford (S&W)	Industrials A-D	
40	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
41	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
42	Devenish (J A)	Breweries	
43	Scot & New	Breweries	
44	Land Securities	Property	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. gross yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100¼	94¾ Treas	10¼%	1987	99½ ●	..	10.3	—
100	94¾ Exch	2½%	1987	99¼ ●	+⅛	2.5	—
99¾	95¼ Exch	10½%	1987	99½	..	10.5	10.904
100¼	94⅛ Fund	6½%	1985-87	99¼	..	6.5	9.596
101¼	95⅝ Treas	10%	1987	99¾	..	10.0	10.515
97¾	93¼ Treas	3%	1987	97¼	..	3.1	8.190
104½	94¼ Treas	12%	1987	101	..	11.9	10.425
99¾	93 Treas	7¾%	1985-88	98⅛	+⅛	7.9	9.877
104⅛	93⅞ Exch	10½%	1988	100⅛	..	10.5	10.356
102¾	93⅛ Treas	C9¾%	1988	99⅛	..	9.8	10.372
93⅝	91¼ Treas	3%	1978-88	93½	..	3.2	7.880
102¾	92⅛ Treas	9½%	1988	98½	..	9.6	10.370
107⅝	95½ Treas	11½%	1989	102 ●	..	11.3	10.351
105⅝	93¼ Treas	10½%	1989	100¼	..	10.5	10.333
104½	92⅝ Exch	10%	1989	99¾ ●	..	10.1	10.372

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
321	203	Nat Aust Bk	247	251	●-1			
594	436½	Nat West	583	585	+7	27.6	4.7	6.1
128	79	Ottoman	126	.	..	600	4.8	9.9
394	258	Provident	310	315	..	18.6a	5.9	11.0
232	220	REA Gp	226	231	●+3	2.9	1.3	17.3
150½	102	Rothschild (J) Hld	149	150	●+1½	7.6	5.1	15.6
380	280	Royl Bk Of Scot	314	318	●+3	15.4	4.9	7.9
825	591	Schroders	785	800	-2	15.4	1.9	35.2
894	420	Stand Chart	778	782	-2	45.4	5.8	9.6
102	72	TSB	81½	82	●+1¾	6.1	7.5	..
818	638	Union	725	735	+2	52.9	7.2	73.5
39¾	21	Wells Fargo	103¾		-¼	f	..	
380	225	Westpac	300	310		7.7	2.5	15.0

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
355	291	Allied-Lyons	337	339	●	14.5	4.3	15.4
840	705	Bass	788	793	●+11	24.3	3.1	14.0
74½	22	Belhaven	69	71	r +1	1.0	1.4	35.5
145	87	Boddingtons	129	131	-1	4.8	3.7	16.4
608	375	Brown (Matthew)	551	556	●+3	20.0b	3.6	19.1
171	57	Buckleys	164	166	-1	4.3	2.6	38.2
180	142	Bulmer (H P)	148	152	●+1	7.7	5.1	15.4
750	410	Burtonwood Brew	682	690	●+1	15.4	2.2	22.6
515	405	Clark (Matthew)	462	470	+1	12.1	2.6	16.0
234	128	Devenish (J A)	220	226	●+6	3.9	1.7	30.8
218	168	Greenall Whitley	209	211	●+1	7.9	3.8	12.7
294	185	Greene King	292	295	●+11	8.4	2.9	16.0
355	262	Guinness	287	288	●+6½	11.6	4.0	10.9
648	473	Hardys & Hansons	635	644	●	26.7	4.2	14.1
91	65	Highland Dist	68	71		3.1	4.4	13.5
147	139	Invergordon Dist	138	140	●-1	6.8	4.9	8.9
288	180	Irish Dist	192	197	●	6.0	3.1	
118	77	Marston Thompson	117	118	●+½	3.3	2.8	16.0
516	353	Morland	388	392	●-5	10.0	2.6	19.0
288	131	SA Breweries	222	230				
234	178	Scot & New	210	212	●+3	10.3	4.9	12.8
540	350	Vaux	505	510	●+5	17.9	3.5	17.5
316	277	Whitbread 'A'	285	287	+2	11.5	4.0	13.2
318	248	Do 'B'	290	295		11.5	3.9	13.5
263	210	Whitbread Inv	261	265	+5	11.0	4.2	32.0
432	289	Wolverhampton & D	290	293	s +2	7.0	2.4	16.5
330	195	Young 'A'	275	285	+5	11.4	4.1	18.3

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
245	189	Abbey	229	230	●			
268	191	Aberdeen Constr	234	236	-2	11.6	4.9	21.7
282	275	Amec	282	284		16.4	5.8	15.3
41	25	Anglo Utd	38	40				
76	52	Arncliffe	65	70	-2	0.1e	0.1	10.5
269	123	Atwoods	263	265	●+1	7.1	2.7	20.3
580	328	BPB Industries	565	568	-1	14.3	2.5	16.7
600	284	Baggeridge Brick	595	605	●+5	12.5	2.1	16.2
175	116	Barratt Devs	169	172	+1	11.6	6.8	17.9
40	22	Bailey (Ben) Constr	35	38	+1	0.4	1.1	7.4
184	121	Bellway	170	172	-1	10.7	6.3	9.1
242	134	Berkeley Gp	217	222	●	3.2	1.5	24.2
81	61	Bett Bros	77	81	●+4	4.6	5.8	21.8
11¾	675	Blockleys	10¾	11¾		38.6	3.5	15.3
727	526	Blue Circle	685	687	+3	30.0	4.4	9.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

CINEMAS AND TV

DRAPERY AND STORES

ELECTRICALS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
151	36½	Amstrad	150	152	+3	0.5	0.3	15.8
180	43	Apricot Computers	52	57	..	..	..	9.3
125	60	Ariel	118	122	●	0.7	0.6	12.5
343	205	Atlantic Comp	335	343	+1	4.1	1.2	30.8
88	60	Audio Fidelity	85	88	+1			41.2
243	138	Auto Sec	241	245	+11	2.3	0.9	16.6
370	253	BICC	316	318	+6	15.7	5.0	17.9
138	73	BSR	113	115	+1	2.5	2.2	7.6
140	118	Bick	144	147	+1	4.9	3.4	13.2
152	98	Bensons	108	113	-5			
612	375	Bowthorpe	605	610	+1	10.5	1.7	21.0
151	75	Britannia Security	143	144		2.1	1.5	15.7
278	186	Br Telecom	219	221	●+4	11.2	5.1	12.8
108	73½	Brown Boveri Kent	106	108	+4	5.0b	4.6	10.3

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OIL

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
93	39	Gt Western Res	90	95	+10	2.9	3.1	..
10¾	6½	Hamilton	9¼	.	-¼	.		
152	98	Harrvig	135	140	..	13.6	9.9	6.1
625	250	IC Gas	587	590	●-2	26.4	4.5	15.3
52	22	[illegible]	44	47	..	.	..	
19	4½	Jackson	8	9½	..	..	..	
22	9	KCA Drilling	13	15	-1	. e		4.7
178	85	LASMO	171	172	+8½	17.4a	10.1	5.8
250	99½	Do Units	185	190	●+3	82.7	33.4	.
36	15	New London Oil	33	36	+5			.
4½	2½	Oilscope	3½	4		..	..	.
49	11	Oil Search	42	43	-2	..	..	.

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1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
36	14	Stoddard 'A'	35	36½	..	.	.	
188	132	Tertured Jersey	132	135	-1	8.8	6.4	7.5
310	28	Tomkinsons	305	315	● .	5.7	1.8	14.9
116	87	Tootal	115½	116½	+1½	5.9	5.1	12.0
350	240	Yorklyde	250	270	..	10.0	3.8	8.1

TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
514½	444	BAT	493	496	+13	18.4	3.7	12.9
168	123	Carreras	153	155	● ..	..	..	..
201	135	Rothmans 'B'	180	182	●+2	10.0	5.5	6.4

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ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	109.1	115.4●	+0.3	10.40
High Inc Equity	104.4	111.0	..	4.69
Worldwide Bond	203.1	216.0c	-1.4	4.49
American Growth	159.8	170.0	-2.6	0.63
Asian Pacific	61.3	65.2●	-0.3	1.73
Assets & Earns	119.1	126.8	+0.4	2.28
Capital Reserve	66.8	67.2	..	1.50
Comm & Energy	105.8	112.5	-0.8	1.07
European Capital	100.6	107.0	+0.7	1.19
General	146.1	155.4●	-0.9	2.73
Japan	78.8	83.8	+0.3	..
UK Growth Inc	115.8	123.2	+0.6	1.27
Do Accum	167.4	178.0	+0.9	0.88
US Emerging Co's	55.4	58.9	-0.6	0.08
Equitas Progress	229.7	244.3	-0.6	2.95
MasterstAcc	70.0	74.4	-0.3	2.20
American Inc	49.4	52.5c	-0.5	5.00

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	245.6	260.3	+0.3	3.07
Growth & Income	144.0	152.6	-0.3	2.97
Capital Trust	241.7	258.2	-0.6	2.70
Balanced	384.2	407.2	-1.4	3.39
Accum Trust	591.1	626.6	-2.4	3.03
American Income	33.1	35.3c	-0.3	4.22
High Income Tst	273.4	289.9	-0.7	4.60
Equity Income	151.5	160.6	-0.3	4.74
High Yield	157.6	167.1	..	5.06
Govt Secs Trust	28.5	29.6	+0.3	8.21
International	96.6	102.8●	-0.7	0.79
Japan Fund	124.7	132.8	-0.4	0.01
Pacific Trust	202.4	215.5	-0.5	0.83
Amer Spcl Sits	70.8	75.4	-0.3	1.37
Secs Of Amer Tst	213.7	227.6	-3.4	0.54
Ald Asset Value	250.4	265.4	+0.3	3.20
Conv & Gilt Trust	35.8	37.6	..	6.52
Smaller Co's	138.8	147.1●	+0.8	2.93
2nd Smaller Co's	177.7	188.4	+1.2	2.13
Recovery Trust	90.2	95.6	+0.4	1.96

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES
See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd

BAILLIE GIFFORD
3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY
031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-225 6066)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Ex (22)	483.3	503.[illegible]	..	0.64
Japan Ex (43)	442.2	462.6c	..	0.20
UK Ex (31)	253.7	269.0	..	1.35
P'tsl Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	..	..
P'tsl Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	170.4	181.3	-1.3	0.00
BG Energy	174.6	185.8●	+0.3	1.80
BG Income Grwth	216.6	230.5●	+0.3	4.98
BG Japan	197.6	210.3	-1.8	0.00
BG Technology	177.4	188.8	+0.5	0.00

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	50.2	53.4c	-1.4	1.87
Australian	22.8	24.3	-0.2	1.68
Japan & General	119.6	127.3	-0.5	0.06
High Income	48.5	51.8	+0.2	5.82
International Trust	90.5	96.6	+0.7	0.84
Income Gth Tst	54.0	57.5c	-0.2	3.53
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.4	21.8●	+0.2	10.55
Global Markets	37.1	39.5	+0.2	1.37
Special Situations	48.8	51.9	..	1.85

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
America	91.3	96.6	-1.3	1.45
Aust Accum	192.1	203.2	-0.2	0.85
Do Income	135.4	143.2	-0.1	0.85
Capital	75.9	80.3c	-0.4	2.82
Exempt Trust	470.8	498.2	-2.1	3.86
Extra Income	81.8	86.5	..	5.09
Financial	245.9	260.2	+0.6	2.88
500	291.6	308.7c	+0.3	2.93
General	151.0	159.7	-0.5	3.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	52.6	55.3	+0.2	9.91
Japan & Gen Inc	177.6	187.9	-0.7	0.00
Do Acc	179.6	190.0	-0.8	0.00
Growth Accum	190.8	201.9	-0.4	2.13
Income Trust	362.5	383.5●	-1.2	3.68
Leisure Trust	85.8	90.7●	-0.3	1.44
Special Situations	157.1	166.2	+0.5	2.18
Recovery	215.9	228.4	+0.7	2.67
Trustee Fund	113.6	120.2	-0.5	2.83
Univ Tech Accum	58.7	62.1	-0.6	0.05
Do Income	58.2	61.5	-0.7	0.05
Worldwide Trust	154.7	163.7●	-0.8	1.13
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	362.2	383.2	-1.0	3.16
Do Inc	231.2	244.6	-0.5	3.16

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australia	82.8	88.3	-0.7	0.30
Eastern	75.0	80.2	-0.7	0.30
Equity Income	62.8	66.8	-0.3	5.80
Europe	144.3	153.5	+1.4	1.00
Growth & Inc	67.2	73.2	-0.3	3.00
Japan Special	109.6	116.7c	-1.6	0.30
Japan Sunrise	91.6	97.5	-1.4	0.30
First Europe	124.6	132.5	+1.2	0.80
First Japan	87.6	93.2	-0.5	1.10
First N Amer	52.2	55.5	-0.1	1.10
First Smaller Co's	72.8	77.4	+0.4	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 6000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smlr Co Inc	64.6	68.4●	-1.2	0.97
Do Accum	66.6	70.3●	-1.2	0.97
European Inc	103.8	109.5●	+0.8	1.20
Do Accum	127.9	134.9	+1.0	1.20
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	23.9	25.2	+0.2	1.91
Do Accum	30.6	32.3	+0.2	1.91
General Inc	178.1	187.9●	-0.8	2.77
Do Accum	246.2	259.7●	-1.1	2.77
Gilt Yield Inc	111.4	114.6	+0.6	10.20
Do Accum	183.6	189.1	+0.9	10.20
High Yield Inc	100.7	106.2●	+0.7	4.67
Do Accum	204.4	215.6	+1.4	4.57
Intl Rec Inc	110.8	116.9	+0.9	1.70
Do Accum	117.1	123.5	+0.9	1.70
Japan Inc	239.6	252.8	-1.9	0.29
Do Accum	241.3	254.6	-1.8	0.29
Japanese Spec Inc	109.7	115.7	+0.5	0.00
Do Accum	110.1	116.2	+0.6	0.00
N American Inc	52.2	55.1	-1.2	0.74
Do Accum	60.8	64.1	-1.5	0.74
Pacific Inc	139.2	146.9	-2.1	0.57
Do Accum	157.0	165.6	-2.3	0.57
Planned Investment	141.1	149.1	..	3.20
Smaller Co's Inc	93.6	98.7	+0.3	0.91
Do Accum	111.6	117.7	+0.3	0.91
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	29.8	31.4	+0.2	0.91
Do Accum	49.1	51.8	+0.2	0.91
Worldwide Tech Inc	42.9	45.3	-0.1	0.98
Do Accum	43.3	45.7	..	0.98
KB High Yield Inc	144.7	152.7	+0.9	5.09
Do Accum	244.5	257.9	+1.6	5.09

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	145.3	155.4	..	2.29
Smaller Co's Acc	264.3	279.7	+0.9	..
Do Income	168.6	178.6	+0.6	0.90
High Income	72.9	77.9	+0.1	5.25
Income	85.3	91.2	..	4.22
Man Portfolio Inc	73.6	78.8c	+0.1	2.55
Do Acc	124.3	132.9c	+0.1	..
North American	60.3	64.5	-0.7	1.39
Orient	87.6	93.7	-0.5	0.24

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	55.7	59.3	+0.9	2.50
General Inc (4)	244.3	255.4	..	2.24
Do Accum (4)	393.5	411.3	..	2.24
Income Fund (3)	111.4	116.7	..	4.35
Do Accum (3)	199.2	208.5	..	4.35
Intl Inc (2)	140.0	145.9	..	1.15
Do Accum (2)	185.2	194.1	..	1.15
Smaller Inc (5)	68.2	72.0s	..	2.21
Do Accum	73.3	77.4s	..	2.21

CS FUND MANAGERS
125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY
01-242 1148

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
CS Japan Fund	90.2	95.0	-1.2	0.52

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB
01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	313.5	331.7	+2.6	2.73
Income	361.0	382.0	+2.4	4.29
Far East	242.2	257.7	+0.4	0.24
North American	158.5	166.7	-0.5	0.54
Global	54.2	57.4	-0.1	0.79
European	58.1	61.5	+0.3	1.22
Japan	60.3	64.2	-0.2	0.58

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	392.0	417.1	+5.1	1.70
Income	310.3	330.2	+2.1	4.60
North American	306.0	325.6	+1.9	1.14

CATER ALLEN
1, King William St, EC4N 7AU
01-623 6314

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt Trust	92.1		..	..

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	418.9		..	4.46
Fixed Int	135.8	e	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0		..	10.60

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS
72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	56.1	59.4	-1.1	0.60

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	387.76		..	5.03
Accum	£11,393		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.75

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	26.0	27.6	-0.3	1.90
Equity High Income	47.7	50.5	+0.1	4.10
European Growth	32.8	34.8	+0.1	2.00
General Equity	42.2	44.7	-0.5	2.40
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	29.4	31.0	+0.2	3.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.0	25.3	+0.1	9.60
Intl Inc Tst	26.0	27.6	-0.1	5.00
Japan Growth	34.9	37.0	-0.3	0.90
Pedigree Gth	26.3	27.9	..	2.50

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	48.6	52.0	-0.4	3.36
Do Accum	48.6	52.0	-0.4	3.36
Income Inc	48.1	51.5	-0.3	4.85
Do Accum	48.1	51.5	-0.3	4.85
Worldwide Inc	48.8	52.2	-0.6	1.91
Do Accum	48.8	52.2	-0.6	1.91

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Energy Trust	50.7	53.6	-0.4	3.63
Extra Income	180.1	190.6●	-0.8	5.02
Financial	185.1	195.9●	+0.6	2.20
Gilt Strategy	57.4	59.2	..	1.38
Growth Investment	309.2	327.3●	-1.4	2.37
Income & Growth	45.2	47.8c	-0.2	4.55
Japanese Growth	209.9	222.2	-0.6	4.68
Nth Amer Growth	104.7	110.7	-1.8	1.41
Intl Recovery	122.6	129.7●	-0.8	2.19
Smaller Co's	242.3	256.5	+0.1	1.80
Global Inc Tst	62.3	66.0	-0.2	6.55
Special Sits Acc	311.8	330.0	+1.1	1.35

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income Trust	272.8	290.2	..	4.50
Growth Trust	246.2	261.9c	+0.6	2.75
American Trust	133.7	142.2	+1.5	0.70

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	52.7	56.1c	-0.4	4.72
UK Growth Accum	56.2	59.8c	-0.2	2.41
Do Dist	56.2	59.8c	-0.2	2.41
European Growth	64.0	68.1	+0.5	1.86
Pacific Growth	57.7	61.4	-0.3	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	73.0	77.7	-1.0	1.29
Capital Fund	114.3	121.7	+0.1	1.40
Growth & Inc Fund	145.9	155.3c	-0.4	4.02
High Dist Fund	123.7	131.7	..	5.13
International Fund	218.7	232.9	-1.3	0.97
Resources Fund	27.2	28.9	-0.2	0.35
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	33.2	35.3	-0.5	..
Tokyo Fund	177.0	188.5	-0.4	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	148.5	152.6	..	1.98
(Ex) Japan (3)	114.0	117.1	..	0.17
(Ex) Pacific (4)	326.5	335.5	..	0.28
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	196.3	201.7	..	0.10
Eurofund	29.3	31.1●	+0.1	3.22

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balanced Inc	76.5	81.2	-0.2	2.92
Do Accum	78.5	83.3	-0.2	2.84
UK Growth Accum	98.7	104.7	+0.2	1.96
UK High Inc Inc	76.2	80.8	+0.2	4.32
N American Accum	73.6	78.5	-1.4	0.68
Far Eastern Accum	111.7	119.1	..	0.85
European Accum	92.8	99.0	+0.4	1.16
UK Gilt & FI Inc	53.1	56.3	+0.2	8.70
Do Accum	56.5	59.9	+0.2	8.18

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	117.6	125.2	..	2.85

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
35, Fountain St, Manchester
061-236 5685

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equitable Pelican	83.2	88.6	-0.1	3.21
High Income Trust	82.7	88.0	-0.3	5.11
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.6	53.5●	..	8.50
Tst Of Inv Trusts	78.6	83.7c	-0.1	1.73
Special Sits Trust	83.6	89.0	..	2.30
Nth Amer Trust	62.6	66.7	-0.9	1.59
Far Eastern Trust	101.1	107.6	+0.3	0.42
Intl Growth	56.7	60.4c	-0.7	1.07

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Accum	162.5	172.8	-0.7	2.97
Do Income	139.3	148.1	-0.6	2.97
Higher Inc Accum	278.6	296.3	-0.6	4.11
Do Income	220.1	234.1	-0.5	4.11
Gilts/Fixed Accum	98.5	104.7	..	8.65
Do Income	82.3	86.6	+0.2	8.65
Nth Amer Tst Accum	142.1	151.1	-1.6	0.20
Far East Tst Accum	176.7	187.9	-0.2	0.02
Euro Tst Accum	173.4	184.4	+0.3	0.64
General Trust	257.9	274.3	-1.5	3.08

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smaller Co's	73.4	78.1	-0.6	0.20
Capital Fund	120.3	128.0	-1.2	0.19
UK Income Fund	82.7	88.0	-0.2	4.46
Far Eastern Fund	75.3	80.2	-0.3	0.00

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	76.2	77.3	+0.1	[illegible]
US Govt Bond Fd	$52.1	52.4	..	..
Challenger	[illegible]	51.8	-0.2	2.89

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cent & Equity	52.6	56.0	+0.2	7.03
Income	61.3	65.3	..	4.59
Growth	61.5	65.8	+0.1	1.90

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 8th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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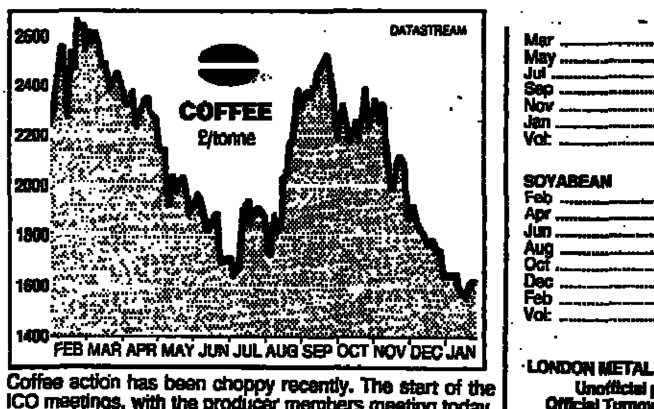


Coffee action has been choppy recently. The start of the ICO meetings, with the producer members meeting today, and expected export quotas is offsetting the longer term bearish picture. There is starting to be comment about chart-based bottoming action but participants are advised to follow the ICO pronouncements. Comment by GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Feb	93.50-98.0
Mar	93.0-94.25
Apr	91.00-92.0
May	88.00
Vol:	13

GAS OIL

Feb	159.25-59.00
Mar	156.25-58.00
Apr	152.25-52.00
May	147.25-47.00
Jun	146.00-45.00
Jul	146.00-43.00
Aug	147.00-38.00
Sep	148.00-38.00
Oct	150.00-38.00
Vol:	2884

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	174.8-74.4
May	176.6-76.2
Aug	178.6-77.4
Oct	180.2-80.0
Dec	183.0-82.0
Mar	188.4-88.0
Vol:	3000

COCOA

Mar	1317-15
May	1345-44
Jul	1376-75
Sep	1405-03
Dec	1436-35
Mar	1466-65
May	1485-83
Vol:	2214

COFFEE

Jan	1575-570
Mar	1600-595
May	1605-602
Jul	1637-630
Sep	1662-655
Nov	1695-685
Jan	1720-710
Vol:	3257

SOYABEAN

Feb	129.0-27.0
Apr	125.9-25.5
Jun	118.4-19.0
Aug	115.6-15.0
Oct	118.0-17.0
Dec	120.3-19.2
Feb	123.5-20.5
Vol:	330

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	884.00-885.00
Three Months	907.00-907.50
Vol	1825
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	861.00-863.00
Three Months	886.50-887.50
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	296.00-297.00
Three Months	298.00-298.50
Vol	650
Tone	Steady/Quiet

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	488.00-490.00
Three Months	484.00-485.00
Vol	1175
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	369.50-370.50
Three Months	379.00-380.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	369.50-370.50
Three Months	379.00-380.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	775.00-776.00
Three Months	786.00-787.00
Vol	3350
Tone	Irregular

NICKEL

Cash	2365-2375
Three Months	2410-2418
Vol	120
Tone	Barely Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 27

GB: Cattle, 92.54p per kg lw (-2.53)
GB: Sheep 169.66p per kg* (-21.49)
GB: Pigs, 72.90p per kg lw (-0.51)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 11.7 %, ave. price, 92.38p(-2.47)
Sheep nos. up 9.6 %, ave. price, 169.93p(-18.89)
Pig nos. down 3.1 %, ave. price, 72.51p(-0.23)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. dom 18.9 %, ave. price, 93.00p(-2.65)
Sheep nos. up 6.6 %, ave. price, 166.60p(-32.50)
Pig nos. down 9.5 %, ave. price, 75.65p(-2.26)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	Unq.	97.50
Apr	Unq.	99.50
Jun	Unq.	99.00
		Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 5

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	Unq.	96.00
Apr	Unq.	97.50
Jun	Unq.	98.80
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Mar	115.20	112.75
May	117.85	114.15
Jul	120.15	
Sep	100.25	100.20
Nov	102.40	102.90
Jan	105.45	105.75

Vol: Wheat 619
Barley 91

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

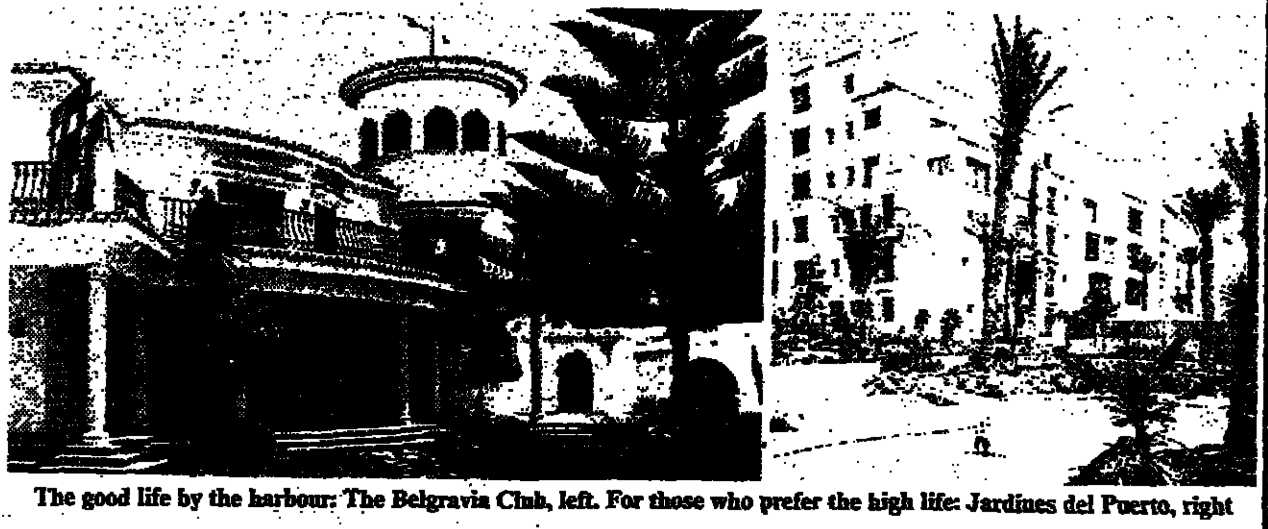
Month	Open	Close
Feb	112.50	112.50
Apr	155.90	156.60
May	177.50	179.90
Nov	89.00	88.80
		Vol: 1380

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	858.0-855.0	857.5
Apr 87	775.0-767.0	724.0
Jul 87		657.0
Oct 87	775.0-775.0	772.5

Vol: 130 lots. Open intst: 2425
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
863.0 down 0.5 on 26/1/87

OVERSEAS PROPERTY



The good life by the harbour: The Belgravia Club, left. For those who prefer the high life: Jardines del Puerto, right

The safest route into Spain

The procedures for buying Spanish property have become progressively more straightforward for the British leisure home purchaser, both legally and financially, now that Spain is a full member of the EEC.

It must be stressed, however, that no purchase should be completed without consultation with a lawyer. Many agents, keen to complete a quick sale, assure the potential buyer that using a solicitor is unnecessary, but agents cannot claim to offer independent legal advice — and their client, of course, is the vendor.

A solicitor will need to check whether there is an outstanding mortgage on the purchase. If there is and the loan is called in, maybe because the developer has a cash-flow problem, or even becomes bankrupt, the lender has first call on the property. A private contract in this instance can count for nothing.

It is also essential to check with the local land registry that the developer has the proper planning permissions. The Law Society has a list of lawyers specializing in the purchase of overseas property.

When dealing with off-plan sales, a solicitor should also establish whether the developer has obtained a guarantee of completion from a bank or an insurance company. Although this is mandatory in Spain, not everyone does it — especially on cheaper schemes.

As a purchaser cannot obtain his *escritura*, or official title deed, until the building is complete, any stage payments could be lost if a developer without a guarantee cannot finish the project.

Do use a reputable agent who recognizes the need to offer purchasers a full sales and after-sales service, which includes advice on importing foreign currency correctly. Spain has strict exchange control regulations, so the correct non-resident bank account must be opened for the transfer of money both for the purchase and then to cover running costs.

Hotel Los Monteros, just east of Marbella, has long had luxury, privately owned villas within its grounds. Now Los Monteros is building a smart, Andaluz-style apartment complex of 90 units called The Birdie Club, grouped around a swimming pool and overlooking the hotel's 18-hole golf course.

The marble-floored homes are spacious, with air-conditioning, central heating and open fireplaces. They have double-aspect views both over the golf course to the Sierras and also over Marbella and the Mediterranean towards Gibraltar. Outside living predominates. Ground-floor duplexes have balconies and private patios, while the upper floors have wide marble terraces and large, double-glazed picture windows.

Owners are entitled to use all the hotel facilities, including heated indoor pools, membership of the tennis, beach and riding clubs and the year-round Monteros Golf Club. This latter is available at a nominal annual charge of £250.

The Birdie Club, where the facilities will include swimming, restaurant, bar, supermarket, gym and tennis, is due for completion around Easter. Prices for the

By Diana Wildman

50 apartments still for sale range from £75,000 for a two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit to £185,000 for a vast three-bedroom duplex.

Details: Candida Nicholson, Overseas Residential Properties, Beechwood Farm, Buckand Common, Hertfordshire HP23 6PB (024029 8152).

At the western end of the Costa del Sol adjacent to Estepona Harbour, Euro Property Advisors is marketing The Belgravia Club — 44 three-bedroom and four-bedroom town houses being built around the focal point of the scheme, the owners' club house. The building, once a private villa, now has four large bedroom suites, for use by owners' guests, a restaurant, a library and office facilities, including a telex.

The Belgravia Club has its own Tollycraft motor cruiser moored in Estepona Harbour and a small country cottage up in Gaucin, a village about an hour's drive into the foothills. Both these have been purchased by the developers, Balpuerto SA, under the auspices of Peter Carvell and Bill Kessells.

Other facilities include a pool and a leisure centre complete with squash, paddle tennis and a gym. The three-storey houses have phased completion, with the first 22 houses due for occupation during the spring and summer. Of these, 12 are still for sale at prices ranging from £86,000 to £115,000.

Details: Jennie Pinder, EPA, 27a New Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2PH (0722 330847).

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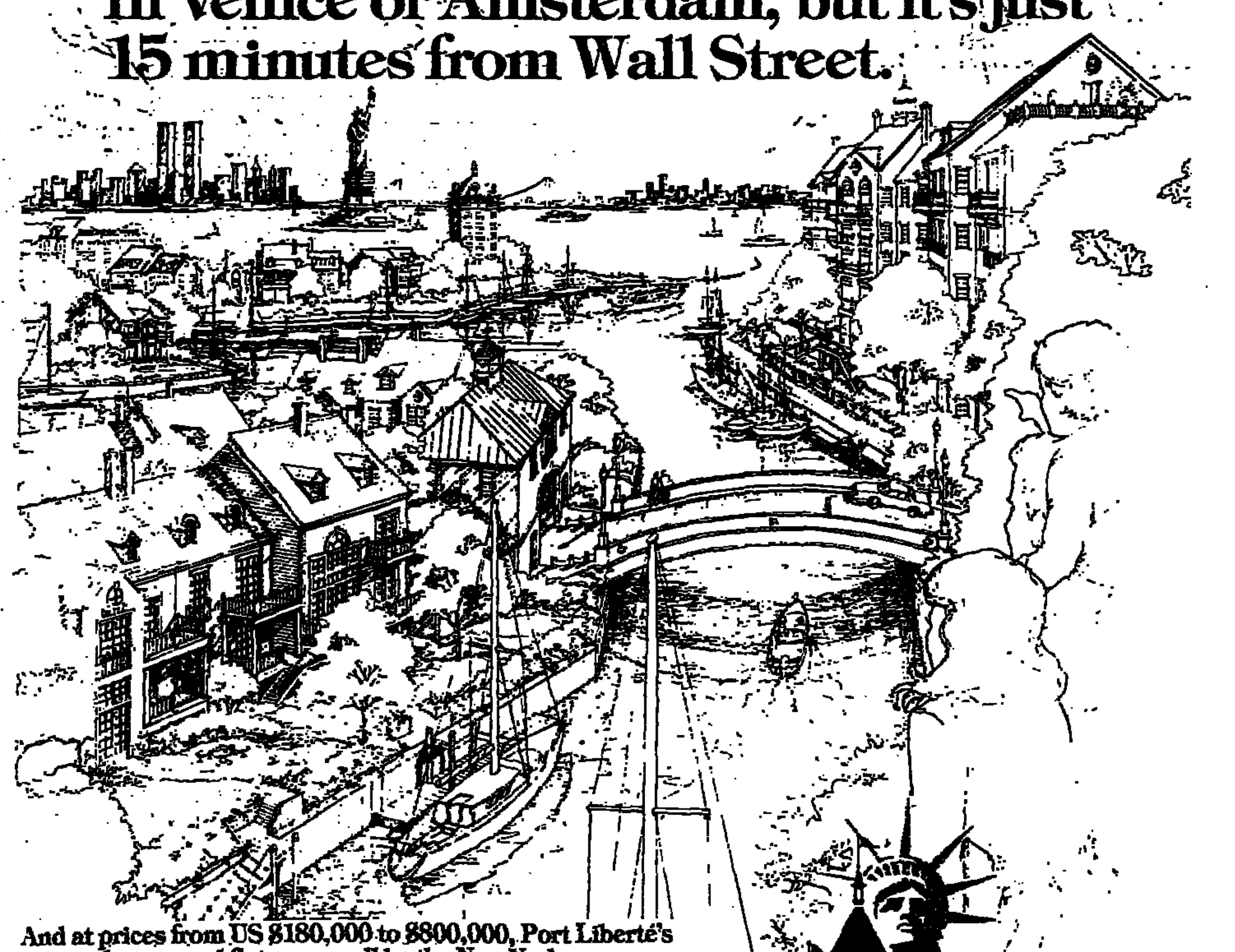

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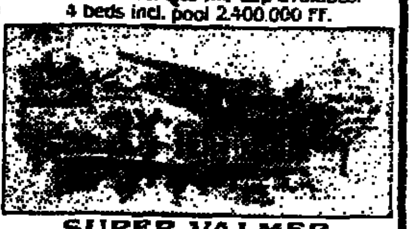

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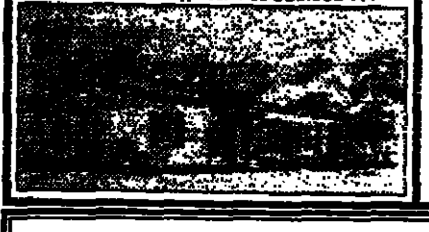

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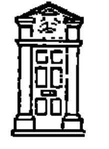

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■ Lord Cudlipp, former editorial director of the *Daily Mirror*, is selling his Regency country house, set in four acres at Aldingbourne between Chichester and Arundel. The house has three reception rooms, four or five bedrooms and an annexe. A former stable block has been converted to a private "pub" known as the Ship and Stable. Jackson-Stops & Staff's Chichester office is asking nearly £200,000.

Park prestige

■ A site off Albany Street, Regent's Park, with planning consent for three mews houses, is for sale by the Crown Commissioners, who are seeking offers of more than £300,000. Planning consent allows for three two-bedroom houses, each with an integral garage. The designs by architects Westwood Piet Poole and Smart create two mews houses of 1,500 sq ft and one of 1,700 sq ft. Alan Collett, of Allsop and Co, the sole agents, says: "This site is one of the few prestige locations available close to the park with private parking."

■ The Cottage, Studio Place, Kinnerton, Belgravia, is, according to the agents Douglas, Lyons and Lyons, probably the smallest house within the City of Westminster. It is in a quiet pedestrian walkway leading to Bradbrook House, which was a hospital for soldiers during the Crimean War. The house has a sitting room 13ft by 8ft 2ins, a slightly smaller bedroom, a kitchen and a bathroom. The asking price is £145,000 for a 59-year lease.

Two by the Downs

■ Tillington Hill House and Tillington Hill Court are part of a late Georgian house on the edge of the village of Tillington, West Sussex, and they are both for sale at around £170,000 through King & Chasemore's Petworth office. Both have four bedrooms and two bathrooms, and while the latter has more rooms the former has the more generous proportions, being a substantial part of the original house. The divided house has been completely modernized and both parts have fine views to the Downs and Petworth Park.

■ Challoner Court, Beckenham, Kent, mentioned last week, is available through Alfred McAlpine Retirement Homes, Sevenoaks (0732 458655).

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The Browns embarked on the work – the fact that Mrs Brown is an interior decorator by profession helped – and carried out an extensive programme of restoration and modernization to make the house comfortable. They stripped much of the house back to its basic shape, finding evidence of early 16th-century timber, though this imposing Georgian building, dating mainly from about 1740, is constructed of brick with sash windows under a slate roof.

The roof was removed and replaced with a mixture of existing and new slate tiles. The panelling in the reception rooms was taken off and restored. The drawing room marble fireplace, thought to be original to the house, was found in pieces outside and put together again, and a new foot carved to complete its restoration.

Other work included rewiring, replumbing and the installation of a twin heating system, which enables the house to be heated by zone and boosts the system in the coldest weather.

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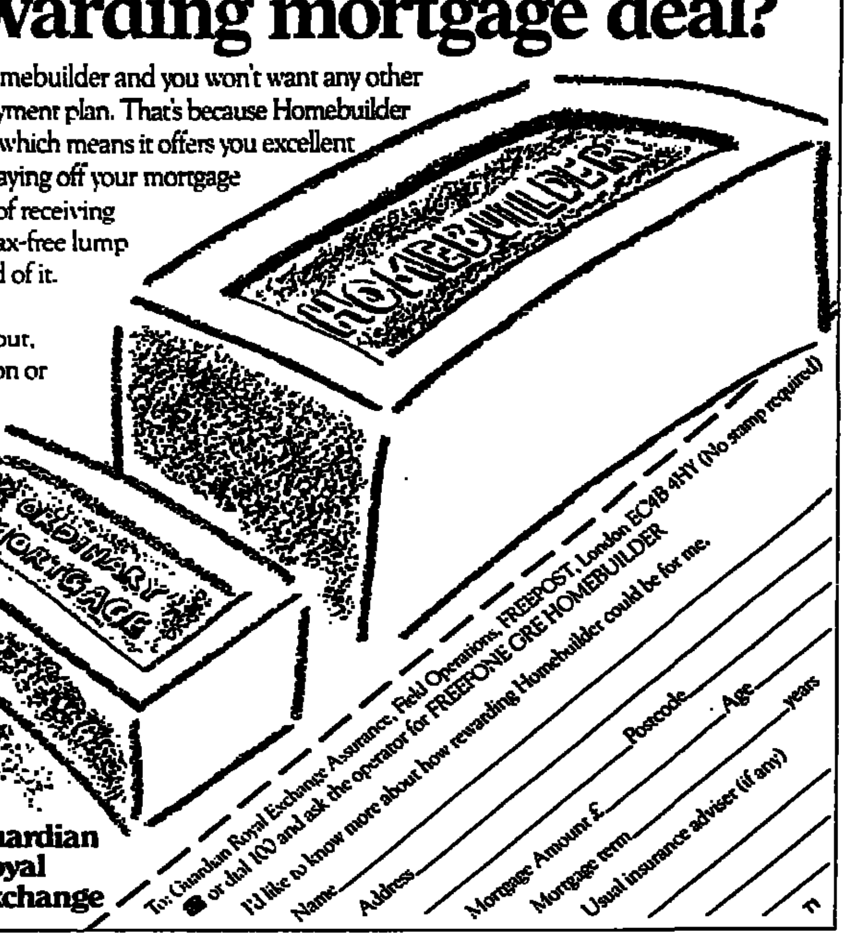

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RUGBY UNION

Devereux the centre of attention as Welsh Students eye selection

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The decision of the Welsh selectors for the side to play France in Paris on February 7, due to be announced tomorrow, will be of additional interest to the Welsh Students, who play the French Students in Bordeaux the previous day. The students have picked John Devereux at centre but are prepared to lose him should Wales decide to amend the XV which should have played against Ireland, the game postponed from January 17 until April because of bad weather.

Although Devereux is the only capped player in the student XV (he will be replaced by Mike Hall, from University College, Cardiff, if necessary), he is joined by several senior triallists in a side which has a notable back division: Nigel Davies (Llanelli) is paired with him at centre and Aled Williams (Bridgend) makes up a powerful midfield trio, all of them served by Andrew Booth, who has shared with Carl Gnojek the scrum half duties in the outstanding Neath side this season.

This will be the first occasion that caps have been awarded to players representing the Welsh Students, a gesture which recognizes the enhanced standards of student rugby. It will be a particularly memorable occasion for Simon Griffin, the flanker, who has played club rugby in France and has appeared on the winning side twice for Oxford in the university match, the last time as captain.

Two members of the side come from University of Swansea, one of today's quarter-finalists in the UAU competition. Swansea face a difficult trip to Durham only four days after losing with honour to Newport in the third round of the Schweppes Welsh Cup. Moreover they have lost their captain and flanker, David Bryant, who has decided to terminate his studies, and Lee Evans, a centre who pulled a hamstring against Newport. Jeff Bird takes over the captaincy and his partner in the centre will be Gareth Powell.

Loughborough, the holders of the UAU title, play Reading, without four regular players becaues of influenza. Reading feature at this stage infrequently. But there are two sides take the quarter-final stage for the first time, and against each other: the University of Wales College of Medicine, otherwise known as Cardiff Medicals, play Bradford, whose group matches included a win over Nottingham, last year's runners-up.

The remaining match brings together Bristol and Nottingham, both of whose coaches, Bob Reeves and Vaughan Williams, taught together. Bristol include John Webb, the England triallist, at full back and have English Universities players in John Perkins (wing) and Steve Pinder (scrum half).

WELSH STUDENTS (v French Students, Bordeaux, February 6): S Hill (University College, London); M Holding (South Glamorgan Institute), J Devereux (SGI), N Davies (Polytechnic of Wales), G Davies (University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology); A Williams (Polytechnic of Wales), A Booth (University of Swansea); J Mainwaring (UWIST), H Bevan (SGI), S Hodsett (SGI), O Harries (Bristol Polytechnic), M Langley (Swansea), A Rees (SGI), S Griffin (Oxford University), O Williams (SGI). Replacements: G Evans (Swansea), J Hadson (Loughborough), S Davies (SGI), R Williams (Bristol Poly), D Evans (Swansea), J Evans (SGI).

NIFC may be down but are far from out

By George Ace

These are dark days at Ormeau, the home of the North of Ireland Football Club, the premier rugby club in Ireland — and it is not because of the deep midwinter.

A glance at the League table pertaining to section one of the Digital Ulster Senior League tells it all: NIFC are bottom without a point from four matches played. Only two games remain, at home to the League leaders, Instonians, on Saturday and Collegians (who share bottom place but having played only two games) on March 28.

No one in Irish rugby wants to see North drop to section two of the Senior League but tradition and amenities count for little in this modern era when rugby seems to be all about points and winning and never mind the game. Perhaps the heavy burden the International Rugby Board are at present carrying with the advent of the World Cup and all its ramifications, may be in some measure due to changing attitudes regarding the game in these islands.

There was some wonderful rugby played at Ormeau in the days of Jackie Kyle, Noel Henderson and Mike Gibson, to name but a few who have worn the North colours in the last four decades with rare distinction. And I am certain that older men than me — and there are a few around even if they are now rather thin on the ground — that can recall earlier exploits of similar merit by former members of this great club.

Peaks and troughs are sprinkled liberally along the way in the history of all clubs and if the current decline in results achieved on the field by North determine that they play their rugby in section two next season, so be it. They will rise again, that is for sure.

But one cannot help feeling that somewhere along the line the boat has been missed: that pressures are now an accepted part of rugby life — at administrative level as well as at playing level; that success is of paramount importance, and enjoyment a secondary consideration; and that the dictates of the national, provincial or club coach must be satisfied and his every whim treated as a command. I am not attempting to belittle the efforts of coaches or undermine the influence they may have on the game today, suffice to say that the efforts to achieve perfection have resulted in imperfections within the structure and spirit of a game which does not lend itself to the professional outlook all too apparent in sport today and which, in no minor way, is taking the sport out of sport.

The congenial atmosphere of the clubhouse at North will not change if what takes place on the pitch is not belonging to the top sphere of Ulster rugby for a season or two. But as most members of North would agree, the only difference between winning and losing when the game is rugby football is in the scoreline and, in the aftermath, that becomes rather irrelevant. May it be ever thus.

Leicester face life without Richards

By David Hands

The loss of Dean Richards, their No 8, because of a knee injury is not only a serious blow for England for the coming Five Nations championship; Leicester, his club, have come increasingly to rely upon his strength and expertise and their hopes of a good showing in the John Player Special Cup — which was once their speciality — have consequently been affected.

It is not usually appropriate to place such importance upon the loss of a player who was won only two caps for his country — and that after a change of mind by the selectors halfway through last season. But Richards, who scored two tries on his debut against Ireland last season, has an uncanny knack, despite his somewhat ungainly style, of turning up in the right place at the right time.

He, Gary Rees and Peter Winterbottom played wonderfully well in a losing cause against the French in Paris a year ago and his lineout jumping and positional play are of a high order. His handling is also not the least of his virtues and his strength allows him to create things out of nothing.

He goes into hospital in Leicester today for an exploratory operation and, depending upon the outcome, any corrective surgery required on the medial ligaments will be performed at the same time. It will then be easier to judge his prospects of recovering full fitness in time to challenge for a place in the World Cup squad, which should be chosen after the final international in April, in time to train together in Portugal over Easter.

England's answer has been to move the rumbustious Paul Simpson to No 8; Leicester's is to bring in the 20-year-old Simon Povoas for the postponed third-round cup tie at Rosslyn Park on Saturday, which will be his sixth appearance in the senior side. Povoas, who is 6ft 2in and a local product, was given trials by England Schools at 16 and 18 group levels.

This will be the start of a prolonged examination for Leicester as to how well their side can operate without Richards, who is also their leading try-scorer with 17. They have played without him many times, of course, over the past three or four seasons, if only because of divisional calls and other representative requirements. But, frequently, they have lost several other players at the same time so it has been harder to discern what effect his absence has had.

They have come to rely considerably, more perhaps than they should, upon their back row of Richards, John Wells and Rob Tebbutt to shore up their front five — which remains without Harry Roberts at hooker, who is recovering from knee and shoulder operations - and cover the holes left by their adventurous backs.

They will also be without Nick Youngs, the former England scrum half, against the Park. His wife is expecting a baby so it is difficult for him to train and travel at the moment. His place goes to Steve Kenney (who played well against Metropolitan Police last weekend), now something of a veteran after making his first senior appearance for the club in 1975. Barry Evans, the England triallist wing, has not recovered from an achilles tendon injury so Ian Bates, who has done well in the centre while Paul Dodge who has been away injured, is moved out to cover.

Navy in a quandary over dates

The new date suggested by the Rugby Football Union for the inter-services championship match between the Royal Navy and the RAF has created a problem for the Navy. The game was due to be played at Twickenham on April 4 but, when the Calcutta Cup match was rescheduled for that day, the services game was moved back to March 14 (David Hands writes).

However, that is the date of the county championship semi-finals, in one of which Middlesex play Cornwall, and some half a dozen Navy players are likely to be selected by Cornwall. The county enjoy an excellent relationship with the service — indeed, Chris Alcock, the Navy captain this season, has also led Cornwall — and both would be loathe for a clash of interests to occur.

The Navy have first choice but they are pinning their hopes on the Army and the RAF being prepared to move from their March 21 date to March 14, leaving the later date free for the Navy to play the RAF. All three services are in action today, the Army against the Civil Service at Chiswick, the Navy against Cambridge University (Portsmouth) and the RAF meet Oxford University (Halton).

Reverting to a schoolboy role

Gareth Chilcott, the England prop forward, assumes a new role for Bath in Saturday's John Smith's Merit Table A match against Sale as a hooker. He takes over from Graham Dawe, who is standing down to avoid injury before he makes his England debut against Ireland on Saturday week.

Chilcott therefore reverts to a role he last had regularly as a schoolboy, though he has played there in emergencies.

● Coventry's promising young stand-off half, Rob Rowan, makes his first-team debut in Saturday's home fixture against Lichfield. Coventry'sscheduled opponents, Rosslyn Park, are playing Leicester in the John Player Cup.

ATHLETICS: THE SHOW MUST GO ON AS OVETT AND DICK LOOK AHEAD

Steve Ovett left for New York yesterday to begin a four-race tour of the North American indoor circuit, beginning with the Wannamaker Mile, at Madison Square Garden, on Friday evening (Pat Butcher writes). Ovett has not raced indoors since 1975, and his plans for several training sessions at RAF Cosford, Britain's only proper indoor track, were spoiled by the bad weather in the south of England recently, which saw him snowed in at his new home near Eastbourne.

But he escaped last week and is pictured above at Cosford during one of his stints as a commentator at last Saturday's national indoor championships. Ovett said afterwards: "I've got no idea how I'll go. Running indoors is a different technique and it's been difficult for me to try to train for it, especially compared to Ray Flynn (the Irishman who is also running on Friday). He trains on an indoor track near his home every day. That's what I'm up against." Other opponents for Ovett are Eamonn Coghlan, six times a winner of the Wannamaker Mile, and Marcus O'Sullivan, another leading Irishman.

Defection rumours are refuted by Dick

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

British athletics is basking in the reflected glory of Boris Becker's call to Frank Dick, the national coach, to conduct the young West German tennis player's conditioning programme.

But while his colleagues were endorsing general expressions of congratulation to Dick — Nigel Cooper, the British Board secretary, said: "We are all delighted, it's a marvellous compliment to the sport" — there will be those who fear that this and other such approaches to Dick presage his departure from the sport.

Athletics coaches in Britain, including Dick, are notoriously underpaid; indeed Dick, who earns less than £20,000 a year, has been kept waiting for some weeks for a decision on a salary review following the overwhelming success at last September's European championships.

There is a terrible precedent for a national coach being lost through administrative ineptitude. Geoff Dyson, hailed around the world, as is Dick, for his technical expertise, left Britain in the 1960s to become national athletics coach for Canada.

However, Dick was quick to refute suggestions that he might be departing when he said: "My loyalties are absolute to British athletics. I wouldn't have taken on the responsibility of the Becker job if I couldn't do it alongside my post as director of coaching. It will be like having another world-class athlete in our squad."

Dick has been supervising the conditioning programme of Daley Thompson, the double Olympic decathlon champion, for the last four years, and he now has the double Wimbledon champion in his hands. But Jeff Thompson, the world karate champion, also joined Dick's squad for conditioning two months ago, and is considering taking up the 400 metres hurdles.

The benevolent mood at the administration's offices in London was clear, as a Northern Ireland colleague slipped a note under Dick's nose which read: "Alex Higgins will be getting in touch". Dick was combining his daily athletics work with preparations to leave for Monte Carlo today to meet Ion Tiriac, Becker's manager, and the player himself, to discuss a training programme.

Dick said that the first he knew of the offer had been last Friday, "when a representative of Tiriac called me from Melbourne to sound me out".

Budd will have to prove her fitness before selection

By David Powell

Zola Budd, the world cross-country champion, will have to prove her fitness to England's selectors in the next month if she is to have a chance of defending her title in Warsaw on March 22. The Women's Cross-Country Association team manager, Vera Duerdin, is adamant that Miss Budd will not be selected without showing her form, even though the England squad which won the world championship in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, last year, has been decimated by injuries.

"We won't be selecting her until we know how fit she is and we don't know," Mrs Duerdin said. Miss Budd has been in South Africa for several months and is reported there to be carrying a hamstring injury. But Andy Norman, who handles Miss Budd's affairs in Britain, expects her to return to compete in the national championships at Bexley, Kent, a fortnight on Saturday.

Two years ago, at Birkenhead, Miss Budd's debut in the national championship was wrecked by anti-apartheid protesters blocking her path while she was in second place, forcing her to drop out. Having demonstrated her form, she was selected by England and went on to win her first world title. A year later she missed the national race but, in winning the southern championship impressively, secured her place and subsequently won her second world title.

England will be unable to do without a third successive victory from the South African-born Miss Budd, aged 20, if they are to retain their team title in Warsaw. Half of the squad which triumphed there last year is injured, including Carole Bradford, the 1986 national champion, who has not run competitively since the world championships.

Ruth Partridge, the third finisher in England's scoring four, has had a nose operation to relieve breathing difficulties and, according to Mrs Duerdin, will be a non-starter. Shireen Samy, another member of the squad, has a knee injury and is doubtful.

SHOW JUMPING

Champagne revives Locko trials

By Jenny MacArthur

The Locko Park horse trials in Derbyshire are to be re-started this year, following a £25,000 sponsorship contract with Piper-Heidsieck champagne.

The trials, established in 1975 at the home of the organiser, Capt Patrick Drury-Lowe, built up a fine reputation during the next ten years as the venue for both the advanced and novice National Championships.

When Midland Bank ended their sponsorship in 1985 and the Open Championships were transferred to Capt Mark Phillips' Gatcombe Park event, Locko was left without a sponsor and withdrawn from the calendar.

Capt Drury-Lowe, in confident mood yesterday, said the year off had done no harm. The neccessary drainage and fencing programmes had been carried out on the estate and the grounds were now well-prepared for this year's event, which is scheduled to take place on August 7 and 8.

The trials, which will run both the novice and the intermediate championships, look set to attract many of Britain's most experienced riders.

Virginia Leng, the reigning World and European champion, and a triple winner of Locko, said yesterday that she hoped to qualify for this year's event with Ballyhack, the six-year-old horse she bought from Ireland.

ITV decision surprises administrators

Athletics officials, who had been primed for the bad news, were non-committal yesterday at the revelation in *The Times* that Independent Television were not going to transmit the European and World indoor championships, and the world cross-country championships, although the omission of that last fixture did cause surprise all round (Pat Butcher writes).

Privately, some officials were aghast at what they saw as a cynical lack of good faith on the part of the Independent Television hierarchy, content to sit on their exclusive domestic athletics coverage.

Court of Appeal Law Report January 28 1987 Divisional Court

Vessel not "equipment" under Act

Coltman v Bibby Tankers Ltd (The Derbyshire)

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Glidewell

[Judgment January 27]

A ship was not "equipment" for the purposes of section 1(1)(a) of the Employers Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1969 and accordingly the shipowners were not liable for defects in the vessel which were attributable to the manufacturers' fault and which resulted in the loss of life.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd dissenting) allowed an appeal by the defendants, Bibby Tankers Ltd, owners of the Derbyshire from a decision of Mr Justice Sheen (*The Times* March 24, 1986; [1986] 1 WLR 751) who on a preliminary point of law gave judgment for the plaintiffs, Mrs Eugenia Margaret Coltman and Mrs Alisa Elizabeth Martin, administratrices of the estate of Leo Thomas Mackenzie Coltman who died on September 9, 1980.

Mr Robin Hay for the defendants; Miss Belinda Bucknall for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that in September 1980 the Derbyshire was lost with all hands in a typhoon off the coast of Japan.

She was 91,000 tons gross, 964 feet long, laden with 157,000 tons of iron ore and on a voyage from Canada to Japan. She was built by Swan Hunter in 1975.

The plaintiffs were the personal representatives of a crew member. The defendants, who owned and operated the ship, were his employers.

The plaintiffs alleged that the ship sank because she broke in half and that she broke in half because of defects in the hull.

In the statement of claim the plaintiffs pleaded that the deceased's death was caused in the course of his employment by reason of defects in the equipment, namely the vessel provided to him by the defendants, which defects were attributable to the fault of the manufacturers, but that by reason of the 1969 Act the faults of the manufacturers were attributable to negligence on the part of the defendants.

The 1969 Act provided by section 1: "(1) Where . . . (a) an employee suffers personal injury in the course of his employment in consequence of a defect in equipment provided by his employer for the purposes of the employer's business, and (b) the defect is attributable wholly or in part to the fault of a third party (whether identified or not), the injury shall be deemed to be also attributable to negligence on the part of the employer . . .

"(3) . . . "equipment" includes any plant and machinery, vehicle, aircraft and clothing . . . "personal injury" includes loss of life . . .".

His Lordship was in no doubt that the ship was not equipment within the meaning of the Act. The ordinary meaning of "equipment" had to denote something ancillary to something else. It was clear that the employee's workplace was not "equipment".

The plaintiffs accepted that the fabric of a factory or for example a hotel could not be "equipment" but submitted that a distinction should be drawn between fixed premises on land and movable chattels, and that all chattels provided by an employer for the purposes of his business qualified as "equipment".

The plaintiffs submitted that the ship was a chattel and was provided by the defendants for the purposes of their business of carrying goods from one part of the world to another.

In his Lordship's view a workplace provided by an employer was not "equipment" and it did not matter whether the workplace was on the land or sea or air.

The meaning of "equipment" in section 1(1)(a) had to be construed in the light of subsection (3) which was clearly enacted to extend the ordinary and natural meaning of "equipment".

A large commercial airliner would not be "equipment" certainly so far as the crew was concerned and his Lordship was not satisfied that even a light aircraft supplied by an employer engaged in a crop-spraying business would be "equipment" so far as the pilot was concerned. However, the status of aircraft was resolved by the terms of subsection (3).

Similarly plant, machinery, vehicles and clothing would not in all circumstances be "equipment". Protective clothing in an industrial context such as boots or gauntlets would be equipment but it was very doubtful whether ordinary overalls or uniforms would qualify.

The main purpose of subsection (3) was to extend the meaning of "equipment".

Alternatively, the plaintiffs submitted that the ship was a "vehicle" for the purposes of the subsection and relied on the seventh definition in the Oxford English Dictionary of "any means of carriage, conveyance or transport, a receptacle in which anything is placed in order to be moved".

However, the real meaning of "vehicle" was to be found in the sixth definition "a means of conveyance provided with wheels or runners and used for the carriage of persons or goods . . .".

A ship was not a "vehicle" nor was it "plant" or "equipment" for the purposes of the Act.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD, dissenting, said that "equipment" was not often used to include ships, any more than it was often used to include aircraft.

But that did not mean that ships and aircraft did not come within the plain and ordinary meaning of the word and the question to be asked was what it meant in the context of the Act.

Having regard to the natural width of the word (it was difficult off-hand to think of a wider word that Parliament could have used), the immediate context in which the word appeared and, in particular, the inclusion of aircraft in the definition and the evident legislative purpose, his Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Sheen and would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, agreeing with Lord Justice O'Connor, said that in section 1(3) Parliament had expressly included in the definition of "equipment" means of conveyance on land and in the air and specifically excluded means of conveyance on the sea.

Solicitors: Holman Fenwick & Willan; Evill & Coleman, Putney.

Hardship not same as special reason

Owen v Jones

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment January 26]

The approach of justices to cases involving exceptional hardship within the meaning of section 19(6) of the Transport Act 1981 was not the same as the approach to "special reasons" cases. It was not necessary for justices to hear evidence in mitigation before deciding whether to disqualify a driver.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing a prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated from the decision of the Mold Justices on March 10, 1986 in deciding not to disqualify Alum Gwilym Jones, a police officer.

Mr Roger Dutton for the prosecutor; Mr William Braithwaite for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said the defendant was a CID officer charged with an offence contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act, as substituted by section 25 of and Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, in that he was in charge of a motor car when his blood alcohol level exceeded the prescribed limit.

On the defendant's conviction the justices, *inter alia*, imposed 10 penalty points on the defendant's driving licence which already had three points on it. He was therefore liable to disqualification.

The justices did not hear evidence on oath from the defendant or any other witness on his behalf as to mitigating circumstances although they were invited to do so by the defendant's solicitor.

The solicitor delivered a plea in mitigation which suggested that as a police officer the defendant was likely to lose both his job and his home if disqualified. That corresponded with the justices' own belief.

The prosecution argued that the approach of the courts to cases which involved mitigating circumstances under section 19 of the 1981 Act was analogous to "special reason" cases and that evidence on oath from the defendant was necessary. Mr Dutton referred to *Wilkinson's Road Traffic Offences* vol 1, (12th edition, 1985) paragraph 21.31, to support his assertion.

His Lordship said that although the defendant had to prove on the balance of probabilities that exceptional hardship existed, the two situations were not the same.

In a case which sought to establish exceptional hardship there was no reason to prevent a bench from relying on information they believed to be true based on their own knowledge.

However, justices should not easily come to the conclusion their belief was sufficient for that purpose unless it was well founded on facts known to them. It might prove to be so in exceptional cases such as the present; but in the vast majority of cases justices needed evidence to satisfy themselves that exceptional hardship existed.

Mr Justice Macpherson delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Dyfed-Powys; Clement Jones & Co, Holywell.

Arbitrary licence extension limit unlawful

George Grosvenor Workman v Blaenau Ffestiniog Magistrates Court

Before Mr Justice Taylor

[Judgment January 21]

When justices exercised their discretion under section 74(4) of the Licensing Act 1964 and granted special orders of exemption they should not have done so in an arbitrary fashion rigidly applying a policy or practice with no consideration of the facts of a particular case. If justices did have a policy they should have made it public and it was helpful to give reasons.

Mr Justice Taylor so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing six appeals by way of case stated under section 111 of the Magistrates Courts Act 1980 by the on-licence holder George Grosvenor Workman from the decisions of the Blaenau Ffestiniog Magistrates Court who granted an extension only until 11.30pm in accordance with an unpublicised practice.

Mr Geoffrey Little for Mr Workman: the justices did not appear and were not represented.

MR JUSTICE TAYLOR said the licence holder of the Shell Island Leisure Centre had applied for special orders of exemption in February 1986 in respect of six events. His usual closing time was 10.30pm and he sought various extensions for the events. The proposed extensions in the applications ranged from 11.45pm to 1am. In each case the justices granted the order but only until 11.30pm.

Until March 31, 1985 the licence holder's premises were situated in the petty sessional division of Ardudwy Is Artro. Thereafter, as a result of boundary changes the premises came under the jurisdiction of the Ardudwy Uwch Artro division.

The licence holder had previously had applications for similar events granted for the hours requested by the Ardudwy Is Artro Justices. There was no dispute that each of the events constituted a special occasion under section 74(4) and the police had no objections.

However, the justices took the view there was no reason to depart from their practice of granting extensions to 11.30pm or midnight at the latest.

Sharpe v Wakefield ([1891] AC 173) was authority for the proposition that when justices had a discretion that discretion had to be exercised reasonably.

It was reasonable for justices to have a policy or practice provided they examined each case individually.

R v Torquay Licensing Justices, Ex parte Brockman ([1951] 2 KB 784) supported the proposition that they should make their policy publicly clear. In the instant case the policy was vague and obscure and no reasons had been given for it.

The applications for extensions until 11.45pm were particularly hard to reconcile even with a rigid application of the so-called policy.

Solicitors: Griffith-Adams, Barmouth.

No bail on appeal without review application

In re Dhillon

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment January 26]

Where a High Court judge refused to grant an applicant bail pending the conclusion of his adjourned application for leave to apply for judicial review, the Court of Appeal had no jurisdiction itself to grant bail unless it first granted a renewed application for leave to apply for judicial review.

The Court of Appeal so held refusing an application by Gurdiner Singh Dhillon for bail after it had been refused by Mr Justice Webster on December 12, 1986, pending his adjournment of an application for leave to apply for judicial review.

Before the judge, the relief sought had included orders of *certiorari* to quash (a) any detention order made under the Immigration Act 1971 by an immigration officer and/or the Home Secretary, and (b) removal directions made on November 19, 1986; and an order of *mandamus* to require the Home Secretary to consider a request for asylum.

Mr Eugene Cotran for the applicant: Mr John Laws for the Home Secretary.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that it was clear from *Lane v Esdaile* ([1891] AC 210) that there could be no appeal from a refusal of leave to bring proceedings. Otherwise, the screening process involved in the need to apply for leave would be rendered useless.

It followed that the applicant could not appeal to the Court of Appeal from a judge's refusal of leave to apply for judicial review.

But in cases of judicial review the Court of Appeal had a special jurisdiction, the origin of which was lost in recent antiquity, whereby it had an original jurisdiction to consider anew applications for leave to apply for judicial review.

If the Court of Appeal granted such an application, it would have jurisdiction to grant the applicant bail. Otherwise the court had no jurisdiction to grant bail because it was simply not seised of the matter.

Here the applicant sought to raise the question of bail in the Court of Appeal without applying for leave to apply for judicial review.

But even if he had so applied, his Lordship would not have granted leave simply in order to grant bail, because in the circumstances the applicant's rights seemed adequately protected by the judge's decision.

Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Bingham agreed.

Solicitors: Singh & Choudry, Hackney; Treasury Solicitor.

RACING: LAMBOURN TRAINER CAN ADD TO IMPRESSIVE JANUARY HAUL

Course figures increase again

The average attendance at racecourses showed a five per cent increase for the second year running in 1986. Almost four million people went racing at last year's 897 fixtures – an average attendance of 4,413, the highest since 1981.

Ian Pithers, a director of the Racecourse Publicity Agency (RPA), said: "We have now seen a positive upward trend in attendances for the last two years. I am confident the trend will continue, especially as racecourses are doing everything possible to improve their facilities."

John Cameron-Hayes, chief executive of the Racecourse Association (RCA), said: "It shows we're all doing our jobs and reflects well on the RCA, RPA and particularly the individual racecourse managements.

"We're confident we can maintain the progress this year despite the threat from satellite racing. Granted reasonable weather, we're optimistic about breaking the four million barrier."

Improving Team Challenge to maintain Pitman momentum

By Mandarin

Jenny Pitman, in marvellous form before and after the freeze, can add to her impressive winning tally for January by saddling the promising Team Challenge to gain his first success over hurdles at Wolverhampton today.

A double at Sandown on the last programme before racing's enforced 12-day break was bettered at Leicester on Monday when the expensive decision to keep the stable's all-weather gallop operative throughout the bad weather reaped handsome dividends with a 164-1 treble.

From an original entry of seven for today's Boningdale Conditional Jockeys Novices' Hurdle. Mrs Pitman runs **Team Challenge** and Mr Rex with the former much preferred.

Owned, like Stearsby, by Terry Ramsden, Team Challenge won a hunter chase in his native Ireland last season when trained by Pat Hogan. The five-year-old has since been given plenty of time to settle into his new surroundings at Weathercock House and did not make his English debut until earlier this month when he ran a race of immense promise behind City Entertainer at Newbury.

Well behind in the early stages, Team Challenge made significant headway approaching the ninth flight and stayed on well in the straight to take sixth place behind the highly-impressive winner.

As he is by Laurence O out of a Prince Hansel mare, Team Challenge's long-term future undoubtedly lies over fences but he looks more than capable of picking up a race or two over the smaller obstacles first and can take full advantage of the weight he receives from Hassle Money here.

Roger Fisher's gelding has stayed on stoutly to win his last two races over Ayr's 2½ miles and in the most recent of those accounted for the highly-rated Randolph Place. However, he has incurred a 6lb penalty for each of those successes and that gives him plenty to do here.

Wild Flyer and Galterio both disappointed on their latest outings but could be expected to play prominent roles if reproducing the form of their earlier victories. Neither, though, looks to have the scope of Team Challenge.

Granville Park, trained by Monica Dickinson, is likely to start a warm favourite for the Bromsgrove Novices' Chase but the Harewood stable is still not really firing and Hinter City may prove better value. The West Country novice beat the useful Mr Frisk at Cheltenham in November and was not disgraced behind Kildimo and Playschool when returning to Prestbury Park on New Year's Eve.

Orbital Manoeuvers, a fast-finishing second to Star Of Ireland when a well-backed favourite at the last Wolverhampton meeting, can return to winning ways in the Kidderminster Handicap Hurdle.

Brian McMahon's six-year-old had previously stayed on well to win at Ludlow and has yet to run a bad race this season. This former selling-plater goes particularly well for Eddie McMahon and should confirm the form with Marcellino, who finished fifth, almost 10 lengths behind my selection, in the Wolverhampton race. As Marcellino was making his seasonal debut then, he could now emerge as my selection's main rival.

Bickerman, the winner of three handicaps on the Flat when trained by Mark Prescott in 1986, made an encouraging debut over timber when third to Fingest at the last Wolverhampton meeting and can open his account in the Chadsmoor Novices' Hurdle.

Today's other card at Sedgefield will set few pulses racing but it may at least provide the day's best bet in **Weardale** who has been taking on some of the best young horses in the north and now has a golden opportunity to record his first victory in the Ski-Ing Novices' Hurdle.

Placed in two bumpers and four novice hurdles, Weardale has run creditably against the likes of Last Grain, Firm Price, Rapier Thrust and The Demon Barber. He meets nothing of that calibre here and is long overdue a change of luck.

My other principal fancy at the Cleveland course is **Secret Finale** who, unlike most of his rivals in the Final Schuss Handicap Hurdle, has already proved his ability to stay three miles by winning over course and distance in December.

That's Your Lot, who gave John Francome his first training success by landing the Mecca Three-Year-Old Hurdle at Sandown in 1985, will be attempting to recapture his winning form under top weight in today's Kidderminster Handicap Hurdle at Wolverhampton

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Team Challenge.
2.15 Deep Prospect.
2.45 Hinter City.
3.15 Manna Reef.
3.45 Bickerman.
4.15 Orbital Manoeuvers.

By Michael Seely
1.45 TEAM CHALLENGE (nap). 3.45 Bickerman.

Going: good

1.45 BONINGALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICE HURDLE (£974: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

1	0-20211	HASSLE MONEY (Mrs B McKinney) R Fisher 5-11-8	J O'Gorman	● 99	F9-4
2	00-0010	GALTERIO (Mrs A Penney) A J Wilson 5-11-2	B Dowling	90	10-1
4	0343-10	WILD FLYER (G Thorp) R Lee 6-11-2	F Rafferty (7)	96	8-1
8	00-0	ARCTIC BARD (T Wragg) D L Williams 5-10-10	A Gardner (7)	—	20-1
12	000-040	BEE GARDEN (M Motley) P Bailey 6-10-10	L Harvey	93	12-1
15	400	HAWKSWORTH LAD (Mrs A Wallace) Mrs M Dickinson 5-10-10	J D Davies	—	10-1
16	0-0	INDALUTION (N Whittle) M Castell 5-10-10	D Morris	—	25-1
17	0	JOIST (B) (C Barnes) M Pipe 5-10-10	J Lower	—	10-1
23	0-00	MR REX (R Johnson) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-10	S Selby (7)	—	10-1
24	43-03	PHAROAH'S LAEN (T Johnsey) J Francome 6-10-10	D Gallagher (7)	79	8-1
25	3-	POP DANCER (Mrs L Ward) W G Turner 5-10-10	C Warren	75	16-1
26	0-00	SOUTHERN REAPER (J Upson) T Casey 5-10-10	E Buckley	—	20-1
27		SPARTAN GUARD (Mrs J King) J Chugg 12-10-10	M Bowlby	—	20-1
28	412-0	TEAM CHALLENGE (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-10	W O'Callaghan (7)	93	11-4
34	0-000	MISS KINGLET (Mrs P Bowlby) A Potts 5-10-5	T Potts (7)	—	20-1
35	00-0PP	PANTO GIRL (Fir Trading Ltd) J Wainwright 6-10-5	R Fahey	—	25-1
39	0	RYMER'S FANCY (T Dancer) J Chugg 6-10-5	C Evans	—	25-1

1986: SPORTING MARINER 4-10-7 J Lower (15-8) M Pipe 15 ran

FORM HASSLE MONEY (11-1) battled on well in the muddy conditions running out a 4l winner from Randolph Place (11-1) at Ayr (2m4f, £685, heavy, Jan 2, 6 ran). GALTERIO was well beaten by Broken Rail at Sandown last time. Previously (10-0) beat Smithy Bear (10-5) 2l here on Boxing Day (2m4f, £834, good, 13 ran). BEE GARDEN (11-0) ran a good race when 17½l 6th to High Plains (11-0) in a well above average Leicester novice event (2m, £1748, soft, Dec 15, 22 ran). JOIST comes from a stable whose horses are fit, and who won this event last year, on debut (10-6) made no show in 9th behind Erostin Ruler (10-13) at Towcester (2m 5f 28yd, £710, good, Nov 29, 12 ran). POP DANCER (10-3) ran 16l 3rd to Honeyman (10-7) at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, £713, good to firm, Aug 3, 14 ran) last season. TEAM CHALLENGE (11-0) ran a good race on his English debut when 17½l 6th to City Entertainer (11-8) at Newbury (3m 120yd, £4002, good to soft, Jan 3, 20 ran).
Selection: HASSLE MONEY

2.15 ESSINGTON NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,796: 2m) (11 runners)

3	00-001P	WILL'S WARRIOR (D) (W Castrey) G Ham 5-11-7	B Powell	93	10-1
4	110-B03	DANCER IN PARIS (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 7-11-6	T Pinfield (7)	95	F5-2
5	14-4001	MISTER FEATHERS (B,CD) (Mrs M Forde) J King 6-11-6	S McNeill	● 99	3-1
6	1U3-040	JOHN FEATHER (H) (A Philips) D Burchell 8-11-6	W Knox (4)	—	7-1
7	0-20200	INVISIBLE RING (Mrs D Derang) R Holder 6-11-4	P Richards	91	14-1
10	000U3-P	EXCLUSIVE FOX (Exors late J Morris) Miss P Morris 10-10-12	C Smith	94	20-1
12	F-224F0	MY SON MY SON (W Hannon) S Mellor 6-10-11	M Harrington	—	12-1
14	10P-004	GOLDEN REDEEMER (Mrs E Misa) R Francis 9-10-9	S J O'Neill	98	4-1
17	0F020/0	DEEP PROSPECT (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-5	S Morshead	—	5-1
21	000-0PF	CITY SLICKER (P Winkworth) S Mellor 6-10-4	G Landau (4)	—	12-1
22	0/203P-0	LA VERITE (G Rall) G Yardley 7-10-4	W McFarland (7)	97	25-1

1986: SMART REPLY 6-11-1 S Smith Eccles (5-2) N Henderson 11 ran

FORM WILLS WARRIOR (10-12) successful on penultimate outing when beating Charleston George (10-12) an easy 8l at Chepstow (2m, £1345, soft, Dec 20, 6 ran). DANCER IN PARIS (10-10) lost for speed from 2 out when 9½l 3rd to Chipped Metal (11-5) here (2m 4f, £3519, good, Dec 27, 13 ran). MISTER FEATHERS (10-6) beat Gerami (10-6) 10l here (2m, £1415, good, Dec 26, 14 ran). INVISIBLE RING (11-5) neck 2nd to Jimmy Edwards (11-5) at Taunton (2m1f, £1719, good to soft, Nov 20, 14 ran). On final outing last season EXCLUSIVE FOX (11-0) 5½l 3rd to Fifth Colomn (10-0) at Warwick (2m, £1024, soft, Apr 18, 13 ran) a race in which LA VERITE (10-0) was pulled up before the 2nd last. GOLDEN REDEEMER (11-0) 15½l 4th to Candabile (10-9) at Ludlow (2m, £1487, good, Nov 26, 12 ran).
Selection: MISTER FEATHERS

2.45 BROMSGROVE NOVICE CHASE (£3,017: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

2	0F-2141	BACKLOG (CD) (J Dalton) J Dalton 9-11-5	B de Haan	90	8-1
4	00/21F3	HINTER CITY (H Handel) H Handel 9-11-5	Miss H Handel	98	13-2
7	20431	THE THIRSTY FARMER (B,D) (Mrs S King) R Holder 8-11-0	P Murphy	87	5-1
8	22/0411	TROUVERE (R Thorne) D Burchell 8-11-0	W Knox (4)	93	11-4
14	00F12-2	GRANVILLE PARK (C Murphy) Mrs M Dickinson 6-10-10	G Bradley	● 99	F6-4
17	F-00FP2	HAWORTH PARK (J Wright) G Ham 8-10-10	B Powell	87	12-1
22	P0440U	LUCKY VINTAGE (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 10-10-10	D Chinn	97	16-1
23	00/04P	MAJESTIC BRANDY (C Nash) C Nash 7-10-10	—	—	16-1
31	F	PREMON'S LAST (Mrs J Lewis) J Old 11-10-10	C Llewellyn	—	12-1
38	FP	WILLIE ALLY (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 7-10-10	R Dunwoody	—	20-1
41	000/PP-P	DREAMS OF GOLD (D Baxter) J D J Davies 7-10-5	M Furlong	—	25-1
42	000-0F4	ERICA SUPERBA (I Buchan) P Bailey 7-10-5	Miss G Armytage	89	16-1
44	P0/0	NORTH GRANGE (C Peake) Mrs A Hewitt 6-10-5	M Williams	—	25-1
45	0/00P-0P	VICEROY LASS (B) (Mrs M Hall) Mrs J Barrow 9-10-5	M Bosley	—	25-1

1986: STEARSBY 7-10-12 G Bradley (2-1 fav) Mrs J Pitman 13 ran

FORM BACKLOG (10-12) got up close home to beat HAWORTH PARK (10-0) a head at Warwick (3m, £2250, good to soft, Dec 27, 12 ran). HINTER CITY (11-7) beat Mr Frisk 1½l (12-5) at Cheltenham (3m, £3313, good to firm, Nov 7, 9 ran). THE THIRSTY FARMER (11-0) took it up at the last when beating Dangerous Game (11-0) 4l at Taunton (3m 1f, £1885, soft, Dec 30, 14 ran). TROUVERE scored here (2m6f) over hurdles last time. Previously (11-0) relished the testing conditions when beating Tom Caxton (11-5) ¾l at Hereford (2m, £1678, heavy, Dec 18, 10 ran). GRANVILLE PARK (11-3) 15l 2nd to smart Alkepa (11-10) at Kelso (2m6f, £1208, soft, Dec 15, 13 ran). LUCKY TRAIL (10-6) 25l 4th to Greenbank Park (10-3) at Towcester (3m, £2704, good to soft, Dec 13, 8 ran).
Selection: GRANVILLE PARK

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

3.15 COMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,166: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

2	14P12B	SIR BADSWORTH (CD) (T Laxton) T Laxton 9-11-9	G Bradley	98	12-1
3	030-231	NUMERATE (D) (R Clarke) O Sherwood 8-11-2	S Sherwood	90	7-2
4	1B2-011	MANNA REEF (CD) (K Al-Said) J Edwards 9-11-1	P Barton	96	F5-2
7	443203	COUNTY PLAYER (B) (Mrs H Knott) C Jackson 10-10-11	R Hyett	91	13-2
8	3400P-3	ROYAL MERE (C) (Sir J Hanmer) Mrs M Rimell 10-10-10	J Bryan	● 99	13-2
9	1243-F0	A BOY NAMED SIOUX (D) (S T R Stevens) S Stevens 7-10-10	P Croucher	96	16-1
10	101042	TURKANA (CD) (J Upson) T Casey 7-10-5	—	91	10-1
12	0F/20204	CHELSEA ISLAND (W Taylor) W Taylor 12-10-2	M Bosley (4)	90	16-1
13	003-423	FARE LOVE (E Evans) E Evans 8-10-1	P Warner	95	5-1
16	04U4F3	ALICE'S BOY (BF) (Mrs S Roberts) R Francis 6-10-0	L Harvey (4)	98	8-1

1986: SIR KENWIN 8-9-13 Miss G Armytage (6-1) R Armytage 10 ran

FORM SIR BADSWORTH (10-3) best judged on penultimate start when 10l 2nd to Karenomore (11-2) at Wetherby (2m, £2351, good, Dec 6, 4 ran). NUMERATE (10-6) stayed on well to beat Weight Problem (11-4) 1½l at Leicester (2m 4f, £1752, good to firm, Nov 17, 8 ran). MANNA REEF (10-9) not fully extended to beat High Ridge (10-0) 15l at Nottingham (2m6f, £1256, good, Jan 5, 6 ran). COUNTY PLAYER (10-7) returns to the distance over which he was a creditable 2½l 2nd to Socks Downe (11-12) at Ludlow (£1766, good, Nov 26, 9 ran), an event in which A BOY NAMED SIOUX (10-8) was a disappointing 5th. FARE LOVE (10-4) could only stay on at same pace when 14l 3rd to Hiz (11-4), with CHELSEA ISLAND (10-8) 30l away 4th at Worcester (2m, £1708, heavy, Dec 30, 8 ran).
Selection: COUNTY PLAYER

3.45 CHADSMOOR NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,105: 2m) (17 runners)

6		BEDHEAD (Movedive Ltd) M Tompkins 10-10	S Sherwood	—	12-1
7	3	BICKERMAN (B Dowling) J Spearing 10-10	S Morshead	● 99	F4-5
8	0	BILLY'S DANCER (F Phoenix) D Dale 10-10	S Keightley	—	20-1
10	P	CAGLIOSTRO (Mrs M Price) B Preece 10-10	T Wall	—	20-1
16		EAU COURANTE (C Bridgett) C Bridgett 10-10	Mr C Bridgett	—	20-1
17		ENGLE DALE (J Wilberforce) J Pearce 10-10	J Barlow	—	15-1
19	00	GREGORIAN CHANT (P O'Donnell) C Spares 10-10	J McLaughlin	—	14-1
20	44	GRUNDY'S OWN (B) (K Fischer) M Francis 10-10	P Barton	88	5-1
21		HOUNDSTOOTH (Miss C Mackay) C Trietline 10-10	J Suthern	—	16-1
22	0	MISTS OF TIME (Mrs H Dorey) C Vernon Miller 10-10	C Cox	—	16-1
25	00	PENTLAND HAWK (S Hill) R Hollinshead 10-10	P Dever	—	8-1
29	0	ROYAL ROUSER (F H Lee) F H Lee 10-10	S Holland	—	12-1
30	F03	SANTO BOY (J Rose) W Wharton 10-10	S J O'Neill	91	6-1
31		SIMON'S FANTASY (J Slade) D Ringer 10-10	D Murphy	—	20-1
38	PP	KELLY LINDO (R Nelmes) J Cosgrave 10-5	T Pinfield (7)	—	25-1
39		MRS PEOPLEATER (Excite Ltd) D Wintle 10-5	A Carroll	—	16-1
41	04	SOUSAGA (Mrs S Marks) J King 10-5	S McNeill	—	12-1

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM BICKERMAN (10-12) doing best work at finish when a promising debut 3rd, beaten 2¾L to Fingest (10-12) over this course and distance (£568, good, Dec 27, 16 ran). SANTO BOY (11-0) taken up the running when hitting the second last and finished 5½l 3rd to Araston (11-0), with BILLY'S DANCER (11-0) behind, at Nottingham (2m, £1313, good, Dec 6, 17 ran). GRUNDY'S OWN (10-9), one-paced 4th, beaten 6l. to Pragada (10-9) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £750, good to soft, Dec 29, 15 ran). PENTLAND HAWK, down the field on latest start. Previously (10-10) 19l 5th to Cornish Prince (10-10) with SOUSAGA (10-5) never a threat in 10th, at Leicester (2m, £714, soft, Nov 28, 19 ran).
Selection: BICKERMAN

4.15 KIDDERMINSTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,870: 2m) (15 runners)

1	11P0-P0	THAT'S YOUR LOT (D) (M Dorey) J Francome 5-11-10	D Gallagher (7)	85	6-1
3	330-412	ORBITAL MANOEUVERS (D) (G Chipman) B McMahon 6-11-5	Mr E McMahon (7)	93	4-1
4	30030-3	L O BROADWAY (D) (L O B Bloodstock Ltd) D Moffatt 9-11-4	K Teelan	96	F7-2
5	014/020	LUCIETES (CD) (S Hollingworth) F Jordan 6-11-4	C Smith	94	10-1
9	01100-0	MARCELLINO (E Hathaway) A J Wilson 11-11-1	J Suthern	89	8-1
10	2010/0-4	PETIT PAIN (D) (Mrs S Minns) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-1	NON-RUNNER	—	—
12	30-0080	PEARL RUN (D) (R Squires) G Price 6-10-13	S Morshead	● 99	10-1
14	000/010-	SOMERS HEIR (CD) (G Dudfield) D Wintle 12-10-5	A Carroll	91	12-1
15	333003	WELL COVERED (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 6-10-6	P Dever	94	8-1
18	0001-00	CLERMONT LANE (D) (D Cowgill) M Tate 5-10-4	M Bastard	93	16-1
19	0100-04	LONDON LEADER (D) (Champion Ltd) R Lee 5-10-3	B Dowling (4)	93	8-1
20	3PBP00/	MOSSAT (D) (Bryn Palling Ltd) B Palling 10-10-0	C Evans (4)	—	25-1
21	131004/	BROWN RIFLE (D) (R Forsyth) D Burchell 7-10-0	D J Burchell (7)	—	10-1
24	P000-00	AMBIAN HILL (K Pinfield) J Cosgrave 8-10-0	T Pinfield (7)	94	25-1
25	423000	WALMER SANDS (P Parton) B Preece 5-10-0	T Wall	90	25-1

1986: SOMERS HEIR 11-10-3 A Carroll (10-1) D Wintle 11 ran

FORM ORBITAL MANOEUVERS is consistent and in form. Last time (11-6) finished 2l 2nd to Star of Ireland (11-13) here with MARCELLINO (11-7) 9½l back in 5th, (2m, £1466, good, Dec 26, 18 ran). L O BROADWAY ran a good race on reappearance (11-7) to be 17l 3rd to String Player (11-1) at Ayr and should have come on for that race (2m, £3049, hard, Jan 2, 4 ran). PEARL RUN ran right up to best when (11-1) 5½l 6th to Fuego Boy (10-7) at Warwick on latest start (2m, £2583, good to soft, Dec 27, 15 ran). LONDON LEADER, below form this season, was (10-13) running on when 3½l 4th to Sicilian Passage (11-2) at Wolverhampton, with CLERMONT LANE (11-1) and WALMER SANDS (10-7) tailed off. (2m, £1434, good, Dec 26, 19 ran).
Selection: PEARL RUN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
Mrs M Rimell	26	111	23.4	G Bradley	7	17	41.2
J Edwards	14	72	19.4	S Smith Eccles	8	35	22.9
Mrs J Pitman	9	63	14.3	S Morshead	26	136	19.1
J Spearing	10	74	13.5	P Barton	8	73	10.9

Only qualifiers   Only qualifiers

SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 WEARDALE (nap).
2.00 Joseph's Coat.
2.30 Beau N'Idol.
3.00 Troilena.
3.30 The Cider And Bun.
4.00 Secret Finale.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 Swinhoe Croft.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 WEARDALE.

Going: good to soft

1.30 SKI-ING NOVICE HURDLE (£729: 2m) (18 runners)

2	1400	BELLA BANUS (CD) (R Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-11	R Lamb	84	9-2
3	P001	ALBERT THE GREAT (B,CD) (I Rodden) R Gray 4-11-6	P A Farrell (4)	80	5-1
10	00-	KESKIDEE (J Johnson) J Johnson 6-11-6	R Marley	—	20-1
13	0-40	OWN UP (V) (D Faulkner) R M Whitaker 5-11-6	Mr S Whitaker (7)	81	16-1
17	40	TREASURE HUNTER (Mrs A Robson) W Pearce 6-11-6	Mr A Robson (7)	88	8-1
19		WAYSIDE (P Dennis) T Barron 5-11-6	P Dennis (4)	—	16-1
20	203243	WEARDALE (W Robinson) Denys Smith 5-11-6	C Grant	● 99	F5-2
24	00	DERCANNY (P Gibbon) D Lee 7-11-1	Mr H Brown (7)	—	20-1
27	00	QUEEN OF TIMBER (Mrs A Harker) B Wilkinson 5-11-1	G Harker	—	25-1
29		SHEREEN DANCER (A Knowles) A Knowles 5-11-1	R Hatfield	—	20-1
30	0	STOLEN GOLD (J Baxter) S Leadbetter 7-11-1	C Hawkins	—	12-1
33	20-1400	WARCHANT (E Wilkinson) R Whitaker 5-11-1	M Brennan	80	8-1
34	0	G G MAGIC (A Glass) C Bell 4-10-10	M Dwyer	—	10-1
35	22	NORTON WARRIOR (BF) (Maj J Linley) M H Easterby 4-10-10	L Wyer	93	3-1
36		STRONGARM (R Dods) R Dods 4-10-10	T Reed	—	16-1
38		SING LUCKY SING (S Molyneux) G M Moore 4-10-5	M Hammond	—	14-1
39	043	THE FINK SISTERS (S Petterson) T Cunningham 4-10-5	—	85	16-1
41		WHITTINGHAM VALE (B Murray) W Elsey 4-10-5	M Hill	—	12-1

1986: MEETING ABANDONED – FROST

2.0 SLALOM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£816: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1	303F3F	PASS ASHORE (B) (Miss J Coule) M Oliver 8-11-10	J Duggan	97	11-2
3	0FF00	JOSEPH'S COAT (J Boynton) T Barron 6-11-8	G Harker	88	16-1
4	01-0000	BUGATTI (B) (D Malam) R Peacock 9-11-8	K Ryan (7)	97	10-1
5	01404-F	SOLITARIO (B,D) (M Parsons) B Preece 8-11-7	P Miller (7)	94	4-1
6	4-20021	BAVAL (CD) (C Slicer) D Yeoman 10-11-0	C Hawkins	● 99	F2-1
7	2P00-P0	VICTOR DUB (B) (B Brazier) M Castell 9-10-13	J D Doyle (4)	98	16-1
8	320/P	GOOD FRIENDSHIP (A Donnelon) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-10	M Dwyer	—	10-1
9	304/0U-0	WHISTLING STELLAR (B) (M Clarkson) M Avison 6-10-8	R Marley (7)	—	3-1
11	2/20-002	CARLINGFORD BAY (CD) (D Tate) R Gray 8-10-7	D Thompson	98	12-1
12	0/0000-3	BRIGADIER GREEN (Mrs D Hoyle) C Hoyle 10-10-6	Mr P Avery	94	15-2
14	0000/00	LADY ROMOHA (F Lees) F Lees 10-10-5	—	—	20-1
15	023000	ASCOT AGAIN (B) (Mrs D Ferrett) J P Smith 11-10-5	P A Farrell (4)	96	20-1
16	0-00F3	CANONBURY FLYER (Mrs M Doohan) G M Moore 6-10-5	M Hammond	97	18-1
17	000-000	EL-HAR-LE-HAR (R Edelson) T W Cunningham 5-10-5	—	—	25-1

2.30 WINTER SPORTS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,704: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

7	104-030	BORDER KNIGHT (CD,BF) (Mrs L Fraser) J Haldane 12-11-7	R Lamb	94	3-1
8	232U12	IVACOP (B,D) (Lord MacAndrew) Denys Smith 8-11-6	C Grant	91	F9-4
9	12123-1	SHOOLER PRINCE (CD) (F Watson) F Watson 10-11-5	G Harker	90	4-1
12	0-F3F02	BEAU N'IDOL (C) (E Robson) E Robson 8-10-12	R Earnshaw	● 99	10-1
13	20P-43U	LIVERPOOL RAMBLER (BF) (T Summerfield) J Oliver 8-10-12	J K Kinane	98	9-2
14	41-1040	GO ON JOE (CD) (J Richardson) J Richardson 13-10-11	Mr A Orkney	88	10-1
15	023/123	BARRYPHILLIPS DISCO (I Ender) R Whitaker 10-10-9	P Tuck	94	4-1
17	P00/U0P	MISS WOOD (CD) (R Robinson) R Robinson 12-10-0	D Condell	—	16-1
19	20P/040	MUSIC SEASON (K Bridges) J Rowlands 7-10-0	C Dennis (7)	—	16-1

3.0 CURLING HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £1,256: 2m) (5 runners)

2	114013	GOWAN HOUSE (CD) (J W Walker) W A Stephenson 8-12-0	Mr P Johnson (7)	● 99	F7-4
6	202-340	TROILENA (CD) (B Farrell) R Fisher 11-10-9	Mr M Murphy (7)	98	7-2
8	000313	KERSIL (C) (J Swiers) J Swiers 10-10-0	Miss A Stokell (7)	97	15-8
10	P-4304U	PARAGLO (C Sample) Maj W Sample 9-10-0	Mr C Sample (4)	88	15-2
11	0-0P0P0	BALLY TASK (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 11-10-0	Miss B Llewellyn (7)	—	25-1

3.30 DOWNHILL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£997: 2m) (8 runners)

1	4FF000	THE WILK (D) (F Scotto) W A Stephenson 8-11-10	R Lamb	90	4-1
2	30-4421	PERFECT GLEN (D) (Mrs V Coleman) Denys Smith 7-10-13	C Grant	96	F6-4
5	P32000	MILLSTREAK (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 7-10-4	R Earnshaw	94	16-1
7	P0B0	KARLS CHERRY (C Rennison) W Storey 8-10-1	D Telfer	—	25-1
8	200043	CLICKHAM LAD (M Morley) N Chamberlain 9-10-1	C Dennis (7)	90	11-4
11	00P/0F0	LANCE OF ST GEORGE (J Townson) J Townson 8-10-0	P Dennis (4)	—	14-1
13	443000	EAST PARK (B) (Mrs J Waggott) F Watson 7-10-0	G Harker	● 98	8-1
14	00-2004	THE CIDER AND BUN (R Hurst) W Storey 7-10-0	N McCormack	98	6-1

4.0 FINAL SCHUSS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,266: 3m) (9 runners)

1	40F310	SECRET FINALE (C) (Regent Decorators Ltd) J Johnson 8-11-13	R Marley (7)	98	3-1
2	00P-034	SOME MACHINE (B) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10	M Dwyer	● 99	7-1
4	PF-0FP0	CRAMMOND BRIG (W Jackson) M W Easterby 10-11-4	L Wyer	94	9-2
5	4003-00	SWINHOE CROFT (C) (G Martin) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-2	C Grant	94	F9-4
7	034-4FP	MITILINI (Mrs J Meredith) B Preece 7-10-8	P Miller (7)	92	16-1
8	00-000	SMULLYAN (G Leatham) M W Easterby 5-10-4	—	91	11-2
9	0-02200	SHAGAYLE (Mrs J Peach) C Bell 5-10-4	Mr J Osborne (7)	96	10-1
10	020U00	ANOTHER FLAME (H Mahrouki) W Storey 10-10-0	N McCormack	—	20-1
14	FP000P	SEALED OFFER (B) (Miss J Hey) P Beaumont 9-10-0	P A Farrell (4)	—	20-1

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Barron	7	23	30.4	M Hammond	6	27	22.2
G Moore	6	25	24.0	T Reed	9	45	20.0
J Haldane	6	29	20.7	R Lamb	32	180	17.8
M H Easterby	14	72	19.4	M Dwyer	9	51	17.6
Jimmy Fitzgerald	8	48	16.7	C Grant	39	227	17.2
Denys Smith	30	191	15.7	R Earnshaw	11	70	15.7

● Chris Grant, back from injury and riding at Sedgefield today, will be defending his 100 per cent record for the Dickinson stable when he partners Swinhoe Croft in the Final Schuss Handicap Hurdle. Grant had previously won on Dikaro Lady and Jonlani for the Harewood stable. The northern jockey, who bruised a thigh at Catterick on Saturday, also rides three horses for his own boss Denys Smith.

● William Hill, the sponsors of the Yorkshire Chase at Doncaster on Saturday, make Catch Phrase and Von Trappe 4-1 joint favourites. Other prices: 5 The Langholm Dyer, 6 Darc Hansel, 8 Burnt Oak and Rhyme 'N' Reason.

Dope tests intended as deterrent

The Jockey Club's proposed measure to introduce drug tests for jockeys has been taken to fall in line with the equivalent practices in other sports and is seen as a precautionary measure only (Michael Seely writes).

"As far as we know no jockeys are taking drugs," said Peter Twite, the head of administration, at Portman Square yesterday. "We are concerned with the safety factor only. Other sports are different as they are principally concerned with performance boosting medications. The only instance of that occurring in racing is if a jockey thought that he was beginning to lose his nerve."

The Jockey Club are meeting in a fortnight's time to consider the appropriate action about a situation which is not covered by the current rules of racing.

"I must stress that it will only be a precautionary measure", Twite continued. "It will act as a warning that this sort of thing could not be tolerated. After all, if a jockey was under the influence of stimulants, the consequences could be horrendous if he took unnecessary risks".

The intended new regulations will give powers to medical officers to order tests to be taken if there is any suspicion about a rider's condition. "I hope that this will act as a deterrent, as it is a worrying world we live in and these things are known to happen," Twite said. He then added that there would be no random samples taken as is the case with racehorses.

● A snow plough has been brought into action in an effort to save next Saturday's meeting at Folkestone. The Kent course was covered by snow drifts up to six feet deep during the recent cold spell, and despite the thaw, the chase course is still affected.

Clerk of the course David Cameron said: "The hurdles course is now practically clear, but some areas of the chase course, particularly along the back straight, still have snow on them.

Lack of agreement places satellite lift-off in jeopardy

By Michael Seely

A fundamental difference of opinion has arisen between the Racecourse Association and Satellite Information Services not only about the timing of the placing of the 40 per cent minority shareholding in the new company but also when live television can start being transmitted into Britain's 10,300 betting shops.

"It has been our understanding with the RCA that the moment the "heads of agreement" or preliminary contract is signed, which will probably take place within a fortnight, we will be allowed to move into racecourses and start setting up our services", said Nigel Payne, SIS's spokesman yesterday.

"It is also our belief that we can start transmitting before the company is fully formed, which can only happen after the minority shareholding has been taken up."

Sir Peter Leng, chairman of the RCA, while not disputing that a start can begin on the signing of the preliminary contract, flatly contradicted the second part of SIS's assertion.

"This is an area needing clarification and will be fundamental to the discussions which will be taking place between SIS and RCA during the next fortnight," he said. "As far as we're concerned, transmission will not be allowed until the full contract has been signed and the 40 per cent of minority shares is in place."

Both points of view are perfectly understandable. SIS feel they have to be operating at full throttle if their May 1 deadline is to be met. The RCA, on the other hand, are alive to the dangers of giving SIS a free hand before a full board has been elected, an independent chairman elected and the proper equity structure of the new company formed, which allows the Association a degree of control to their right of veto.

Commenting further, Payne said: "It is a great mistake to think that SIS have been dragging their heels over the placing of the minority shareholding. Like the RCA, we are as keen as anyone to see the full board in operation with all the necessary safeguards."

"Unfortunately, its a Catch 22 situation," he continued, "as we are not in the position to give prospective shareholders a clear picture of what they are investing in until we are in the position to show them some live action, particularly as we don't expect to be able to move into an area of profitability until the fifth year."

SIS were also quick to correct the impression that they were seeking to consolidate their position before RCA is fully involved. "At present we are in a holding situation," Payne said. "John Beard, the independent chief executive, is in daily consultation with computer programmers and other technicians. Bob Green is acting chairman, but has nothing to do with this side of it and only sits in on their unofficial board meetings.

"At the moment all we are concerned with is getting the thing to run as time is so important. As far as we are concerned, it is fundamental to the infrastructure of SIS that we should be in full partnership with RCA and the moment that the "heads of agreement" has been signed, we shall be in a position to work together."

In my article on Tuesday, I said that BOLA were involved in the decision-making process. This is not so, as it is only the big four bookmakers, Ladbrokes, William Hills, Corals and Mecca, who are shareholders in the new company. At present they are only represented by Bob Green, of Mecca.

Winter frosty over Triumph

Trainer Fred Winter criticized the Triumph Hurdle – racing's four-year-old championship – after landing a Chepstow double yesterday with Gold Bearer and Admirals All.

The Lambourn trainer is boycotting the Cheltenham Festival race and declared: "I'm not even entering Admirals All. The Triumph is a murderous race and the ruination of young horses. There are too many runners, all of the same sort. Thirty four-year-olds that have won races of a certain value."

Winter expressed his strong views on the eve of his winter break to Gambia. The double, started by 6-4 favourite Gold Bearer in the Ralph Morel Cup Handicap Chase, was completed by 10-1 Admirals All after a battle with the favourite, Anything Better, who went down by a length in the *Racing Post* Novices' Hurdle. Peter Scudamore rode both horses to take his score to 68.

The *Racing Post* race left trainer Josh Gifford despondent at the performance of his expensive newcomer Final Try.

The Findon four-year-old was well placed in fourth or fifth place until tiring at the fourth last and then made a bad mistake at the last hurdle when well behind. The colt was knocked out to 33-1 from 16-1 in the Triumph betting by bookmakers William Hill.

Simon Sherwood, injured when Drive On Jimmy came down at Kempton's Christmas meeting, got back on the winning trail with Dunkirk in the Heather Novices' Chase.

The Merrick Francis-trained 11-year-old jumped well to make the seasonal debut a winning one by 15 lengths. "Dunkirk has had a lot of leg problems and was nearly put down when trained in Ireland but was reprieved and had two years off before coming to me. He was placed in better company today, but last season injured a tendon during his final run," his trainer said.

A good day for in-form East Hendred trainer Andrew Turnell started with Kittinger in the first division of the Heather Novices' Chase, after which he had a Nottingham double.

The British Bloodstock Agency's interim profits have been halved as a result of declining prices at the top end of the bloodstock market.

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Results from yesterday's two meetings

Chepstow

Going: soft

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, KITTINGER (L Harvey, 2-1 fav); 2, Green Ridge (G Landau, 8-1); 3, Hal's Joy (P Scudamore, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Bronski (6th), 10 Wally Wombat (pu), 12 Eastern Line (pu), 14 Bolt Hole (5th), 20 Air Space (pu), Bit Of A Dandy (f), Raleigh Gazelle (4th), 25 Ferdee Free (f), 33 Sonfort Guy (f), Miss Prague. 18 ran. NR: Cantabile. 7l, 2½l, 2l, 3l, 25l. A Turnell at East Hendred. Tote: £3.20 £1.60, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £6.20. CSF: £18.64.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, DUNKIRK (S Sherwood, 6-1); 2, Info (B Wright, 8-1); 3, Lucky Rascal (R Rowe, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Flag Of Truce (f), 5 Saleshurst (f), 6 Mi Dad, 12 Allen Lad, 14 Imperial Champagne (6th), 16 Joscilla (5th), 25 Bryma (4th), 33 Come On Sonny, 50 Expeditious (pu), Misty Fantan (pu), Eliza Hambrook (pu). 14 ran. 15l, 8l, 6l, 10l, 1½l. M E Francis at Lambourn. Tote: £8.30; £2.60, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £14.60. CSF: £42.35.

2.15 (3m hdle) 1, SPIDER'S WELL (Miss T Davis, 12-1); 2, Accuracy (G Bradley, 6-1); 3, Yeoman Broker (R Rowe, 7-1); 4, New Farmer (G Landau, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Eamons Owen (6th), 7 Bluff Cove, 10 Anex, Shoemender, 12 Celtic Saga, Spend Easy, 14 Orchid Bay, Wharry Burn, 16 Taberna Lord (5th), 20 Meister, 25 Solid Oak, 33 Taylorstown, Mossy Bell (pu), Sea Pennant, Little Mynd, Dampier, Royal Opportunity. 21 ran. 4l, 1¼l, 5l, 2l, 4l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £13.60; £2.40, £1.70, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £97.50. CSF: £88.50. Tricast: £519.58.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, GOLD BEARER (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav); 2, Lanacre Bridge (Peter Hobbs, 12-1); 2, Jo Colombo (S Morshead, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Nudge Nudge (6th), 6 Wily Yeoman (5th), 20 Thornton (4th), 33 Le Bambino (pu). 7 ran. NR: Mister Donut. 2½l, 8l, ¾l, 30l, 25l. F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £11.50. DF: £28.90. CSF: £17.34.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, ADMIRALS ALL (P Scudamore, 10-1); 2, Anything Better (G Bradley, 11-8 fav); 3, Ricmar (S Sherwood, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 Final Try, 25 Mystery Clock (6th), 33 Cramming (4th), 50 Rivers Nephew, 66 Hays Hill, High Warrior, Rickeston Lad, Scarborough, The Huyton Victory (pu), Bella Of Budapest (pu), Gay Giselle, Kellyann (5th), Montrosa, Seaskill. 17 ran. NR: Luigi's Star. 1l, 20l, 2l, 20l, 5l. F Winter at Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £3.40, £1.40, £1.10. DF: £10.10. CSF: £22.61.

3.45 (3m ch) 1, MITHRAS (T Wall, 16-1); 2, Dart Over (B Powell, 12-1); 3, Brown Veil (Miss G Armytage, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Burannpour (5th), 100-30 Eton Rouge (6th), 11-2 Tracys Special (pu), 11-2 You're Welcome (4th), 12 Torside, 33 Membridge (pu), Giddycan (pu). 10 ran. 4l, 1½l, 4l, 15l, 10l. B Preece at Telford. Tote: £11.60; £2.70, £2.50, £2.70. DF: £93.10. CSF: £173.09. Tricast: £1,827.29.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1, POETS DAY (Jacqui Oliver, 4-6 fav); 2, Rahib (G Landau, 10-1); 3, K O Island (Tracey Turner, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 The Moon And Back (6th), 10 Cherry Lustre, 14 Lucksin (5th), Mills Amend (pu), 16 Robrob (pu), Twice Fair, 20 Capistrano Climax (4th). 10 ran. 10l, 5l, 2½l, dist, 1½. Mrs S Oliver at Wolverhampton. Tote: £1.60; £1.00, £3.80, £2.80. DF: £15.30. CSF: £9.80. Winner was bought in. Placepot: £417.80

Nottingham

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, FOURTH TUDOR (G McCourt, 7-1); 2, Pat Wollow (L Wyer, 13-8 fav); 3, Supreme Charter (B de Haan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Broadhurst, 8 Sand Castle (4th), 10 Black Comedy (6th), 14 Random Hill, 15 Patchburg, 20 Allmin, Rymer King (5th), Sell It Kilroy, 25 Bold River, Close Range, 33 Beymount, Rico Range, Fortine's Fox Fire (ro), Pippalmint Lass, Wedding Song, Rudolph Mole. 19 ran. ¾l, 3l, nk, 4l, 10l. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £11.60; £1.70, £1.10, £3.30. DF: £10.80. CSF: £22.56.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, ROSTRA (Mr M Armytage, 7-4); 2, Price Of Peace (Mr J Osborne, 5-4 fav); 3, Dennis Auburn (S J O'Neill, 11-4). 3 ran. 8l, 7l. R Armytage at East Ilsley. Tote: £2.80. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.89.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, PROTECTION (Steve Knight, 1-2 fav); 2, Arastou (M Dwyer, 7-2); 3, Indian Hal (D Browne, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 20 Bradbury Hall (4th), 33 Blue Lyric (5th), Jenny Wylie, Peter's Savouries (6th), 50 Spring Fox (pu), Deep Sent, Joy's Double (ur), Sonnendew. 11 ran. 3l, 6l, 10l, 25l, sh hd. A Turnell at East Hendred. Tote: £1.50; £1.00, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.21.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, PAUL PRY (Steve Knight, 11-4 fav); 2, Rambling Song (Mr J Wrathall, 4-1); 3, Azimo (R Dunwoody, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Carden Spirit, 7 Superline (6th), 12 Torymore Green, 14 Champions Day, 16 Channel Breeze (f), 20 Cowal Shore (pu), Easby Emblem (ur), 25 Cabral (4th), Mrs Foley (f), Roga Rood (5th), 33 Ascanbar, Golden Reign (ur), Kilkoon (f), Red Metal (f), Kharab Bibi (ro). 18 ran. NR: Kelly's Maid. 2½l, 8l, 10l, 3l, 1½l. A Turnell at East Hendred. Tote: £4.50; £1.80, £2.10, £2.80. DF: £8.60. CSF: £16.19.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, BALLY-GO (M Dwyer, 13-2); 2, The Last Prince (L Wyer, 4-1); 3, Bashful Lad (R Dunwoody, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Smith's Man (5th), 2 Whiskey Eyes (4th), 25 Three Chances (6th). 6 ran. ¾l, 1½l, 6l, 1l, 30l. J Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £6.40; £3.20, £1.90. DF: £14.30. CSF: £29.95.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, THE BLACK SACK (R Marley, 9-1); 2, How Now (S Selby, 4-1 jt fav); 3, Profound (B Dowling, 20-1); 4, Jody's Boy (Mr J Osborne, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Prince Ramboro, 7 Park Trade, 8 Baton Match (5th), Infinity Rules (pu), 10 Big Ash, Drenau's Trove, 16 Alex Choice, Oula Owl (f), 20 Chi Mai, Spot The Patch (6th), 25 Compactor, 33 Suttons Hill. 16 ran. 7l, hd, 1l, 2l, 15l. W Elsey at Malton. Tote: £17.70; £4.70, £1.90, £10.30, £2.28. DF: £48.60. CSF: £51.31. Tricast: £704.97.
Placepot: £19.70.

Big contest nights for England's past and present European boxing champions

Judges will be spared any delicate decisions if Pyatt has his way

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Perugia

Even if Chris Pyatt, Britain's European light-middleweight champion, does not subscribe to the belief that people who do not play cricket are waiting to rob him of decisions when they travel abroad, he will leave nothing to chance when he defends his title against Gianfranco Rossi of Italy at the Pallasport here tonight. If he does not stop him he intends to outpoint him by the width of the Piazza Italia. So as to leave no doubt in the minds of the judges.

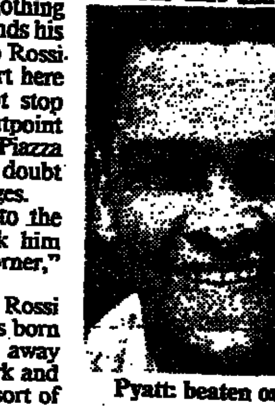
"They can't give it to the other fellow if I knock him about from corner to corner," he said yesterday.

Little is known about Rossi except that he is 29, was born at Assisi a donkey trot away from Perugia, is tall dark and handsome in a bruiser sort of way, has been beaten only once in 40 bouts, and is an upright boxer. It seems almost certain that Pyatt has the ability to carry out his plans.

That one defeat was at the hands of Lloyd Honeyghan, the world welterweight champion. Honeyghan came here and knocked Rossi out in three rounds.

Rossi was however, ready with an excuse yesterday at the press conference. He claimed he was not in the right frame of mind for the bout because of managerial problems. He said he is fully prepared this time.

Rossi was suitably demoralized when Sam Burns, Pyatt's manager, explained why the British press were here this time and not when Honeyghan came two years ago. Pyatt, he said, is a very talented fighter who can punch harder than Honeyghan. Honeyghan's success here will encourage Pyatt greatly.



Pyatt: beaten only once

Pyatt, who also has lost just once — on a cut eye — in 20 bouts has had a solid grounding since turning professional in 1983 after winning the Commonwealth Games gold medal. He had good learning contests including once having to get up off the floor to beat Brian Anderson who is now the British middleweight champion.

That unfortunate defeat on a cut eye by Davilia apart. Pyatt has stopped his last seven opponents as a result of learning to put punishing shots together. He not only has the knack of finding the target through the smallest of openings but his body shots can also bring down the tightest of guards.

Leaving aside the usual fear of a Sunday punch from Rossi, Pyatt could be beaten on cuts if the four scars round his eyes do not hold up. One above his right eyebrow has had 18 stitches, the result of a sparring injury that stopped him defending his title last December; his left eye had 12 stitches to remind him of his bout with Davilia.

The scar below the left eye came from the Anderson bout and the fourth under the right is a memento of his amateur days. Pyatt made the tactical mistake yesterday of revealing the number of stitches he is carrying around and you could see Rossi rubbing his hands.

If Rossi is allowed to settle into his rhythm he could go to work on Pyatt's eyes and the champion might be unable to avoid an injury that could bring the referee's intervention. If that were to happen it could be a severe blow to his world title ambitions. That is why Pyatt's strategy is just to sit on the Italian from the first bell.

"I am a great believer in showing who is the governor right away," Burns said. But it is just as well that George Francis, the most experienced cuts man in Britain is in Pyatt's corner.

America's best set test

Paul Hodkinson, the Kirkby featherweight, and the Belfast lightweight Eamon McAuley, both impressive winners at King's Hall recently and unbeaten in their professional careers, are in Los Angeles with their manager B J Eastwood (George Ace writes).

Before leaving Belfast, Eastwood said: "I am hopeful of both boys boxing on a promotion in Panama on February 14. But whatever happens they will spar with some of America's best during the next four weeks."

They will be at the training camps of both flyweight champion, Hilario Zapata (Panama), and bantam champion, Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela), who have title defences lined up

Fire power: Family man, Terry Marsh, dedicated to the service of others and to the ring

Gentle man ready and waiting to set the ring on fire

By Bryan Stiles

A seemingly gentle family man who gains deep satisfaction from helping defenceless old ladies out of difficulty is planning to create mayhem in Croydon tonight.

Terry Marsh will be seeking to render defenceless David Taylor, an American light welterweight, who represents the last obstacle on a gruelling and often frustrating road to a world title chance. If Marsh wins tonight his next bout will be against Joe Manley, on March 4, for the International Boxing Federation crown. He knows he cannot afford to slip up, having been tantalizingly close to world title bouts, against Rockey Lockridge and Patrizio Oliva only for injury, or promotional problems to get in the way.

But as he pursues his life's ambition and the financial rewards which should flow from it, Marsh follows what many consider to be an even more dangerous occupation as a fireman. It is a job Marsh is determined to keep despite the threat it sometimes poses to his boxing aspirations.

He is making a nice living out of boxing — he is a former British and European champion, having recently been stripped rather precipitously of the latter title and has been close to a world championship shot for two years — but in his other trade he is a man dedicated to the service of others and sees no reason to deprive himself of the self-fulfillment it provides.

"I get a tremendous amount of job satisfaction. Just recently we were helping some poor old ladies who were flooded out. They were panicking and needed help and reassurance from me and the lads. Where else could you get such satisfaction out of a job?"

He takes pride in the Humane Society award his fire station in Basildon is to receive for rescuing horses trapped in a ditch last year. But it was a rescue that affected his comeback after injury, causing him to take annual leave to treat the chest infection which followed. Hardly the ideal preparation for a world title seeker.

Marsh says he is in peak condition to take on Taylor, an unspectacular boxer from Florida, whose only claim to celebrity status seems to be that he drew with Hector, the son of Joe Frazier, the former world heavyweight champion.

But Marsh deliberately knows nothing about his opponent. "All I know is that his name is Taylor. If I started worrying about all the moves he usually makes and watched videos of him I might condition myself to fight the wrong way and then not be able to break out of it. No, I always play it by ear."

By most laws of justice, Marsh should not have been meeting Taylor at all. He should have been defending his European title but the European Boxing Union took it off him because of what they claimed was his inactivity following injury, even though he made two defences last year.

He would be forgiven if he felt bitter but Marsh's response is enlightening: "I agree with what the EBU is doing. They don't want their titles to become stagnant and I applaud that. I would like nothing better than to be defending my title regularly. The joke is that I am fit yet the title is still vacant."

He has been out of action since breaking his nose in a fire station accident. He has also had trouble with his left hand, once breaking it and then challenging for the European before it had healed because he knew he might never get another chance. He beat the Italian holder with one hand.

Marsh is hoping that by disposing of Taylor tonight at Fairfield Hall, he will clear the way for his challenge against Manley, under a specially imported tent in his home town, Basildon.

Also on tonight's bill, Lloyd Christie, the British light welterweight champion, is aiming to secure a Lonsdale belt in a record 130 days by defeating Tony McKenzie.

HOCKEY

Difficult day for young prospects

By Sydney Friskin

Oxford University 1
Hockey Association XI . 1

Young England, representing the Hockey Association, were held to a draw by Oxford University in their annual match played yesterday on the artificial turf at Bisham Abbey. In last year's match the Association had won 2-0 and their performance could not be compared with that one.

Bernie Cotton, the England senior team manager, summed up the game as being rather low-key. "Unfortunately we did not see enough of the two bright young prospects, Garcia and Hazlitt, and without attempting to be too critical, I think their strengths were under-used," he said.

Between them, however, these players were responsible for putting the Association into the lead from their third short corner in the 21st minute. Hazlitt's shot was saved but in the scramble that followed he managed to get the ball back from Garcia and was permitted a second bite at the cherry. This time the ball landed on the target.

Oxford, whose activities in the new term had been restricted by the bad weather, were put in some disarray by the loss of Rush, their centre half, who left the field with an injured knee and was replaced by Herbert. Their attack however, was ably led by Simon Mee, who was well supported from behind by Vivian, their captain.

Persistence by the Oxford forwards put the Association's defence under pressure and eight minutes before half-time they conceded a penalty stroke after Oxford had forced their third short corner. Simon Mee, who attempted to score from the rebound after Barry's shot had been saved, was obstructed by Phillips, the goalkeeper, and Adrian Mee, his brother, stylishly converted the penalty stroke.

After the interval Meyer, who had seen little of the ball in the first half, began to shine on the Association's right wing. However, none of the other forwards displayed the same measure of enthusiasm shown by the Oxford centre forward, Simon Mee.

He launched a solo attack on the Association's goal in the fourteenth minute of this half, but failed to overcome the challenge of Phillips, the goalkeeper, and later just missed contact with a fine centre by Harper from the right.

Play became rather scrappy in the last 15 minutes, the Association having lost their last chance of scoring when the final whistle was blown before they could take their ninth short corner.

Shortly before that, Hazlitt's attempt to score from a similar award had been well checked by Adrian Mee, who was quick off the line.

Many of the players appearing for the Hockey Association yesterday are in line for a junior World Cup qualifying tournament to be played in Gibraltar later this year when the opposition will be provided by Gibraltar and Belgium. Oxford University will have another taste of Hazlitt's shooting ability today when they play the Army at the Parks.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J Haynes (Bradford GS and Wadham); *P Barry (Howard School and St Catherine's), *J Ingham (King Edward's, Birmingham and Merton), A Mee (Old Merchant Taylors Northwood and Brasenose), *G Hayward (St Edward's, Oxford and Christ Church), *S Hurn (Natal University and St Edmund Hall), *R Rush (Colford and Lincoln, sub: J Herbert, Bryanston and Brasenose), *D Vivian (King's, Worcester and St Catherine's), S Mee (Old Merchant Taylors Northwood and Brasenose), *R Oldershaw (Uppingham and St Catherine's), *G Harper (Abingdon and St Edmund Hall).
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION XI: S Phillips (Bromley); N Brown (Firebrands), M Riley (London University), R Garcia (Havant), B Lawry (ISCA), S Hazlitt (Leicester Westleigh and the Army), C Meyer (Cannock), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), M Goodison (Bromley), M Coleman (Havant).
Umpires: J Nash (Western Counties) and D Collier (Northern Counties)

CRICKET: THREAT TO WORLD CUP OVER MOVES TO INTRODUCE BAN ON PLAYERS WITH S AFRICAN CONNECTIONS

England set to put principles before strong-arm tactics

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney

In spite of Monday's loss to Australia of a game they certainly should have won, England still have the best chance of any of the three sides of reaching the finals of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup. They have to win only one of their last three games to be virtually certain of doing so. Australia, to remain in the hunt, need to beat West Indies here today.

It is the eighth year of the competition and not since the first, in 1979-80, have Australia failed to reach the finals. Their confidence for today's match will be enhanced by their victory on Monday over England and their surprisingly good record, over the years, of having beaten West Indies eight times in 12 matches under the Sydney lights.

England will welcome four days without a match, and only the journey from Adelaide to Melbourne, which they make this evening, by way of travel. They will stay, I imagine, with the same 12 players from whom they have been choosing, anyway until they are assured of a place within the finals.

Although the other four — Foster, French, Slack and Whitaker — are fresh, albeit bored, they have had so little cricket that to give any of them a game now would be of doubtful wisdom. The only time any of them has played since before Christmas was when Foster had a one-day game in Perth on January 5. The modern itinerary provides unmercifully little hope and comfort for those not in the top side, even when they have shown good form.

Colin Cowdrey was in Adelaide in his capacity as president of MCC and, therefore, chairman of the International Cricket Conference. There seems to have been a hardening of opinion during meetings in Perth recently concerning the attitude to be taken by England, Australia and New Zealand towards the planned attempt by West-Indies (supported by Zimbabwe) to have all cricketers who go to South Africa, even if it is only to coach, barred from ever playing for their countries again.

New Zealand are opposed to such strong-arm tactics and England are more inclined than they were to feel the same. Until now England and Australia have both thought in terms of compromising their principles for fear, otherwise, of causing a split, along purely political lines, among the cricketing countries and the possible disintegration of the World Cup, which is due to be held in India and Pakistan later this year.

Jack Davies, who preceded Cowdrey as president of MCC, is on the way to Australia via Karachi, where he will have hoped to persuade India and Pakistan of the threat to the World Cup if they try to keep out England players who have any sort of cricketing connection with South Africa.

Cowdrey is also meeting a new determination on the part of Australia to find a solution to short-pitched bowling and slow over-rates, come the annual general meeting of the ICC. Here, too, they will come up against West Indian opposition, which in the past has always been sufficient to deflect delegates from acting decisively.

Between the present "licence to kill" which fast bowlers virtually have in first-class cricket, owing to weak umpiring, and the rules for one-day cricket, which, as in Australia at the moment, effectively eliminate the bouncer, Australia, England and New Zealand are more actively engaged than before in trying to find a satisfactory medium. One way and another, Cowdrey has a taxing and important few months left in the presidential chair, which he vacates on October 1.

Reid's race to fitness

Sydney (Reuter) — Bruce Reid, the best of Australia's fast bowlers this season, is racing against time to be fit for the crucial World Series Cup match against the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground today.

Reid tore a groin muscle in the final over of Sunday's defeat by the West Indies at the Adelaide Oval. Australia have also added a batsman, the Queenslander Greg Ritchie, to their squad.

The West Indians also have problems, with Gordon Greenidge, Michael Holding, Tony Gray and Malcolm Marshall injured. Greenidge and Holding, who have hamstring injuries, are unlikely to play.

PROBABLE TEAMS: AUSTRALIA: G R Marsh, D M Wellham, D M Jones, *A R Border, S R Waugh, G R J Matthews, S O'Donnell, †T J Zoehrer, P J Taylor, K H MacLeay, S P Davis. 12th man: G M Ritchie.
WEST INDIES: D L Haynes, R B Richardson, H A Gomes, *I V A Richards, A L Logie, †P J L Dujon, R A Harper, J Garner, M D Marshall, A H Gray, C A Walsh. 12th man: W W Benjamin.

Patel leaves Worcester

Dipak Patel, aged 28, the Worcestershire all-rounder, has left the county and is emigrating to New Zealand. After signing Ian Botham in Australia, the Worcestershire chairman, Duncan Fearnley, travelled to Auckland last week in an effort to persuade Patel to change his mind.

Fearnley said yesterday: "Obviously it's a shame to lose a good player at his age. Dipak made it clear to us last summer that he felt his future lay in New Zealand so his decision hasn't come as a great surprise. That's why we've been keen to recruit new top-class players."

Patel, who joined Worcestershire when he was 16, has been on the fringes of England selection and was on standby for the tour of West Indies last winter.

Pakistan scrape to victory

Indore. (Reuter) — Pakistan beat India by three wickets with an over to spare here yesterday in the first one-day international of the six-match series.

India, cheered on by a crowd of about 30,000, scored 196 for seven from their 45 overs which, on a placid, grassless pitch, was never likely to be a winning total. But Pakistan made things hard for themselves. They still needed 22 runs with three overs left, a tense situation which Manzoor Elahi relieved by thrashing the medium-fast bowler Kulkarni for 14 runs.

Manzoor was caught in the next over with the scores tied and it was left to Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, with a boundary off the last ball of the 44th over, to bring the match to a close.

Earlier, Shastri, captaining India in the absence of the injured Kapil Dev, made 50 with a six and five fours to bring a gradual improvement to his team's disastrous start and Pandit and Madan Lal, whose 38 included 22 in boundaries, provided a late flourish, adding 65 for the seventh wicket.

INDIA

K Srikkanth b Imran	2
S M Gavaskar c Yousuf b Imran	10
M Azharuddin st Yousuf b Qadir	17
D B Vengsarkar c Ejaz b Jaffar	5
*R J Shastri b Elahi	50
R Lamba b Qadir	5
†C S Pandit not out	33
Madan Lal c Imran b Mudassar	38
C Sharma not out	7
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 15, nb 2)	29
Total (7 wkts, 45 overs)	196

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-19, 3-29, 4-62, 5-85, 6-123, 7-188.
BOWLING: Imran 10-1-41-2; Akram 10-1-35-0; Jaffer 10-2-28-1; Mudassar 5-0-29-1; Qadir 8-1-42-2; Manzoor 2-0-9-1.

PAKISTAN

Mudassar Nazar c and b Shastri	43
Rizwan-uz-Zeman c Maninder b Sharma	2
Ejaz Ahmed c and b Shastri	17
Javed Miandad b Maninder	13
Abdul Qadir c Lamba b Shastri	39
Salim Malik run out	23
*Imran Khan not out	22
Manzoor Elahi c Sharma b Srikkanth	27
†Salim Yousuf not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 5, w 1, nb 4)	14
Total (7 wkts, 44 overs)	200

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-62, 3-84, 4-86, 5-137, 6-158, 7-196.
BOWLING: Sharma 7-1-25-1; Madan Lal 10-1-37-0; Kulkarni 3-0-31-0; Maninder 10-1-31-1; Shastri 10-0-37-3; Azharuddin 3-0-20-0; Srikkanth 1-0-10-1

Fairytale script for Pollock's final act

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

Graeme Pollock always hoped that his last match for South Africa would be against Australia. It is the country he first played against in Test cricket and, for that matter, the last. Now, he must make do with unofficial opposition, smaller crowds and a game which has changed almost out of all recognition. Yet remarkably, he is virtually as good a cricketer as he was when he toured Australia in 1963-4.

Because he has never played county cricket, has not been seen outside South Africa since 1972 and does not feature on English television, Pollock is, these days, a name known best from faded copies of *Wisden*. So when assessing his greatness as a batsman — for that it clearly is — it is as well to remember that his Test batting average is 60.97, second only to Sir Donald Bradman.

When Bradman first saw him, on that 1963-4 tour, he said: "When next he bats like that, I would like to be present."

At a banquet held to honour Pollock earlier this season, which he is adamant will be his last, a tribute from Bradman was read out. "It is one of the greatest tragedies of sporting history that cricket lovers outside South Africa were denied the opportunity of watching such a marvellous player in action during the period when he undoubtedly would have been at the height of his prowess. Given a normal career I don't doubt that he would proved to be the best left-hander of all time."

Now 42, Pollock's injuries take longer to heal. Never the fittest of cricketers, he does not always bother now with nets. If he tells the selectors he is fit to play, he plays.

His timing, he says, is as good now as it has ever been. What is more difficult is motivating himself and the first 15 minutes of an innings. The reflexes have slowed marginally, so a helmet is worn.

The stance is wider. It was always hard to bowl a good length to him; now it is near-impossible. At Newlands this month, after missing the first match against the Australians through injury, he was able to bisect the cover ring without moving his feet.

In future, Pollock's cricket will be limited to charity matches. He will play golf off a handicap of seven, and if he is to be involved in cricket administration it will be as a selector rather than anything else. He is hopeful that South Africa will be re-admitted to the ICC within the next year. "With luck, things will change in the country."

Pollock is ever an optimist. In 1970, he thought the sport boycott would last for only three years. It was one reason why he chose not to play county cricket despite being asked to captain Somerset, play for Nottinghamshire under Gary Sobers and, more recently, to join Kent. By then, he did not want to disrupt his family and business career.

"For 12 years South Africa was told, make cricket multi-racial and you will get back into the ICC. Now, it might have reached the stage at which the changes made are appreciated. Maintaining interest in cricket has been hard enough in South Africa. That is why we have staged unofficial tours — and it might also have been the intention to disrupt world cricket," Pollock said.

There is another reason why Pollock did not want to miss this last match against the unofficial Australians which starts on Friday. It is to be played at Port Elizabeth, where he grew up imitating Neil Harvey. Copying his hero determined whether he would bat left or right handed. Port Elizabeth is where his father edited the local newspaper and, too, where brother Peter developed into a prominent cricketer. It should be a sentimental occasion.

SOUTH AFRICA: C E B Rice (capt), S J Cook, B J Whitfield, P N Kirsten, R G Pollock, K S McEwan, D J Richardson, G S Le Roux, O Henry, H A Page, A A Donald.

Russian coaches raising the gymnastics curtain

By Peter Aykroyd

For the last 10 years, top young British gymnasts have regularly visited the Soviet Union on sponsored scholarships to train with leading Russian coaches.

The position has been reversed by three outstanding Russian coaches, sponsored by Kraft, beginning a five week, 17-town tour of Britain to pass on their knowledge to British coaches and gymnasts. All three have at one time instructed world, Olympic or European champions. Before flying to Largs in Scotland earlier in the week, they held a brief training session at the conveniently placed Heathrow Gymnastics Club.

Aleksandr Fyodorov, of the renowned Vladimir School of Gymnastics, who is the coach to Yuri Korolvov, twice world champion, has coached two British champions — Ian Neale, a champion in 1976 and 1978, and Keith Langley, champion in 1981.

Valentina Mondzolevskaya, considered one of the USSR's best gymnastics choreographers, has taught British visitors to the well known Central Army Club in Moscow, base of the recent world champions, Olga Bicherova and Dmitri Belozerchev. Russian coaches have long judged dance training as vital to gymnastics success and Madame Mondzolevskaya will emphasize this point to the British gymnasts she meets.

The third coach is Valentin Shevchuk, coaching director at the Kraspador Centre in Siberia which has 300 gymnasts in training. He was coach to the popular Yelena Naimushina, an Olympic team member in 1980. Shevchuk believes that there is no shortage of talent in Britain but there is however a need to improve training methods. "British coaches must be more systematic in their approach," he said.

Can the Russians learn anything from the British? Fyodorov pointed to the large transparent plastic sausages on which the youngest Heathrow gymnasts practise forward roles. He said: "We have nothing like that in our country."

On beam: Coaches Shevchuk, Fyodorov and Madame Mondzolevskaya with Diane Everitt

Skating champion deplores the monotony of training

Rodnina scorns win 'mania'

Moscow (Reuter) — Irina Rodnina, the three-time Olympic pairs figure skating champion, today attacked training methods in the Soviet Union that turned young athletes into "mechanical soldiers."

Her comments, made in the newspaper *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya*, came amid growing criticism in the official press of Russian training methods, despite a list of sporting achievements which would delight most nations.

Rodnina, now aged 37, dominated pairs skating during the 1970s, and won 10 successive world and European titles before becoming a coach. She said a mania for records and success had taken all the joy out of Russian sport.

"Leading sportsmen used to be moral figures. Now they are often called obedient mechanical soldiers who perform certain complicated movements better than the rest. The public is not interested in such sportsmen."

She added that "record-mania" had led to a lowering of the age of sports stars, and criticized coaches for putting success before athletes' health.

"We have turned sport into difficult, monotonous labour. We push performers who are still children into all kinds of competitions fraught with serious mental traumas and physical injuries," she said.

"I am against 15-year-old champions who mount the pedestal today only to disappear without trace . . . I think the time has come to limit (the age of competitors in) major sports."

Rodnina, who is one of the most respected Russian sportswomen, appeared to aim her criticisms at all sports, though her comments were based on her experiences in figure skating, where performers can reach the top early.

Gymnastics has also been dominated for many years by girls in their early teens, many of them from Eastern Europe.

Few world sports bodies impose age-limits on competitors, although young tennis professionals can play only a limited number of tournaments in a year, following recurring injuries to teenagers such as Tracy Austin.

Rodnina's comments came after a string of articles in the official press, criticizing a number of sports, particularly team events, which have failed to live up to expectations after decades of international success.

Sports writers have said the only way to halt the slump is to restructure the training methods which have seen the most talented athletes drafted into sports schools at a young age.

The criticism follows last year's up-grading of the state sports committee to the equivalent of ministerial status, apparently in an attempt to improve standards for the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

● Rodnina's unusual attack is particularly relevant to the figure skating world, which has not yet recovered from the arrival in only one season of the new petite Soviet wonder-girl, the 14-year-old Yekaterina Gordeyeva (Michael Coleman writes). At Geneva last March, she became the pairs world champion, together with her much taller and older partner Aleksei Grinkov. During her own career, Rodnina herself was under pressure from similar physical mis-matches.

SQUASH RACKETS: PROTAGONISTS AWAIT DECISION OVER THE REFLECTIVE BALL THAT COULD REVOLUTIONIZE TELEVISION COVERAGE

New ball game: Michael Godin with the ball that he and Bill Christie are in dispute over

Cameras set to roll in patent row

By John Goodbody

Who invented the ball which can revolutionize the televising of squash will be decided by the patent office in London today. The patent of the ball, in which holes are drilled in the rubber and reflective material sunk below the surface, is disputed by two dentists. Michael Godin and Bill Christie, who is a director in the company Viziball Limited.

The ball, which has dimples like a golf ball, reflects a special directional lighting beam like cats eyes when car headlights shine on them. It is certainly the key for the televising of the sport which previously had been hampered by difficulties in picking up an ordinary black or white ball, sometimes travelling at 150mph.

The combination of perspex walls, a coloured floor and the ball, which glows and appears to be much larger than it actually is, has proved both effective visually and also practical for the players themselves. Although the ball seems to expand and glow on television, this is not apparent to either spectators or the players.

Bob Morris, the chief executive of the Squash Rackets Association, said: "The invention of the ball was certainly a crucial breakthrough. The problem for television had appeared to be insoluble. It is also remarkable that one can take so much rubber off the ball and yet play perfectly normally with it.

"Some players do not realize they are playing with it because it feels exactly what they are used to with orthodox balls."

Plan hatched following hospital experiment

Use has been made of reflective material on the surface of the squash ball. But this has proved unsatisfactory because the bounce tends to deviate from the true. Many observers think this was the major cause for the first defeat for five years of Jahangir Khan in Toulouse, France, two months ago.

But this ball has the advantage of being generally reflective from existing lighting whereas the dimpled ball is retro-reflective and needs strong extra lights behind the back wall. These lights can distract spectators sitting beyond the front wall.

Christie appeared in a programme on Grandstand on April 27, 1985, saying that he invented the ball. Godin disputes this. The pair, who were students together in South africa, worked together at Mr Godin's dental practice in Streatham for a year from December 1982.

The idea came during a discussion the pair had after work in December 1982. Both were squash players and Godin already was an expert in special effects for film and television. The pair made their first experiment at Charing Cross Hospital on January 3 with Godin filming and Christie hitting the ball and further tests followed at a squash club in Purley. Both filed patent applications in 1983 and also saw Dunlop in August 1983 to try to get the ball manufactured.

Exactly who was responsible for the method of originally treating the squash ball to bring it into commercial use will be decided today.

RUGBY LEAGUE

A flurry of Fulham tries kills Kells

By Keith Macklin

Fulham 22
Kells 14

Kells, the Cumbrian amateur side, again put up a great battle in this replayed Silk Cut Challenge Cup preliminary round game at Chiswick yesterday but a second-half scoring spree of three tries in five minutes enabled Fulham to pull away.

Fulham now entertain Halifax, the reigning League champions, in Sunday's first round match at the Polytechnic ground, a fixture which should bring a bigger-than-average crowd and much-needed income to London's second division club.

Fulham had the best possible start, with a try in the first two minutes from Charlie Jones. Rees landing the goal. Fulham maintained their attack in the opening quarter and with steadier finishing and less determined resistance from the amateurs, might have had two more tries. However, Kells fought back and two penalty goals from Starkey made the score 6-4 at half-time.

Five minutes into the second half, the Cumbrians shook Fulham by taking the lead: Clarke scored a try to make it 8-6. For the next quarter of an hour, a shock seemed on the cards as the amateurs pounded the Fulham defence, but the second division side eventually re-gathered themselves to inflict three quick blows.

Mills, Murphy and Haggarth, the Australian, went over the Kells line in this purple patch, and Rees kicked two more goals.

The amateurs died bravely in the closing minutes as the man-of-the-match, the Kells stand-off half, Peter Smith, finished a movement which started at halfway by touching down. Starkey landed the goal.

GLIDING

Spreckley counts the cost

By a Correspondent

A miscalculation on the final leg by Britain's Brian Spreckley cost him a position in the top half of the 15 metre class field of finishers on the eighth day of the World championships in Benalla, Australia.

Spreckley chose the time-honoured tactic of re-starting after his initial take-off, which ultimately proved to be his undoing. Ironically, his close rivals, Gilles Navas, of France and Holger Back of West Germany, followed suit. Spreckley, however, pressed on too keenly on the last leg to rid himself of Navas, and almost landed out; the struggle to stay airborne costing him almost 250 points over Jacobs of the United States.

Spreckley is now 100 points adrift of Navas, but there are still four more possible flying days.

In the standard class, Leon Brigliadori (Discus A), of Italy and second overall, fell victim to the nervousness at the top, outlanding near the second turning point and scoring only 156 points out of a possible 1,000. As a result, the American, Mike Opitz, (Discus B), moves to second overall.

Knittinen, of Finland, has built up a substantial, and potential winning, 250 point lead in the class. Britain's Justin Wills had a better day, finishing fifth, while Chris Garton's sixth overall shows a consistent maturity for one making his first Wprld championship appearance.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS: (Day eight): Open: (430.5km triangle): 1, I Renner (Aus), 108.2kph, 1000 pts; 2, M Gavazzi (It), 101.3kph, 841; 3, R Gimmey (US), 100.9kph, 831. 15m: (339.1km triangle): 1, D Jacobs (US), 104.3kph, 1000pts; 2, S Ghiorzio (It), 100.8kph, 924; 3, K Mosters (Neth), 100.7kph, 922. British: 15, D Watt, 95.8kph, 815; 18, M Wells, 95.3kph, 804; 24, B Spreckley, 92.9kph, 752. Standard: (367.2km triangle): 1, M Opitz (US), 95.9 kph, 1000pts; 2, J Andersen (Den), 94.6kph, 971; 3, S Oye (Den), 94.3kph, 961; British: 5, J Wills, 94kph, 954; 18, C Garton, 90.4kph, 867; 23, A Davis, 89 kph, 833.

OVERALL: Open: 1, Renner, 7118; 2, M Schroeder (Fr), 6977; 3, B Gantenbrink (WG), 6951. 15m: 1, G Navas (Fr), 6831pts; 2, Spreckley, 6728; 3, H Back (WG), 6518. Standard: 1, M Kuittinen (Fin), 6827 pts; 2, Opitz, 6578; 3, A Pybus (Aus), 6495.

HANG GLIDING

Pilots left grounded by accident

From a Correspondent
Mount Buffalo, Australia

The world masters championships got off to a slow start here with only one of the three groups of 50 pilots managing to score on the first day.

One reason for the delay was caused by a "wind dummy" or technician, as they prefer to be known, crashing his glider and falling 50 feet while testing flying conditions. Luckily, he escaped with minor injuries, a cut above the eye and a few bruises. But the start was held up and the group's results were invalid owing to the number of pilots who failed to launch.

The second day proved to be more conclusive with all three qualifying groups producing valid results. The top 48 pilots are seeded with 16 allocated to each of the three qualifying groups. A cut will be made after a maximum of six rounds when the top 16 pilots in each group will qualify for the final rounds.

RESULTS: Red group: 1, R Duncan (Aus); 2, J Flynn (GB); 3, N Marsham (Aus); 4, D Ziegs (WG); 5, P Harvey (GB). Blue group (after two rounds): 1, L Hull (GB); 2, D Scott (Aus); 3, G Thevenot (Fr); 4, S Moyes (Aus); 5, A Bender (WG). White group: 1, B Baier (WG); 2, O Schotola (Switz); 3, A Daniel (Aus); 4, R Sauer (US); 5, J Lee (US).

Norman spoils for points and pride

By Colin McQuillan

Ross Norman, the world champion, kept InterCity Cannons in the hunt for the American Express Premier League title yesterday with a 65-minute, 3-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-2 win over his fellow New Zealander, Stuart Davenport, the world No 3 and first string for Skol Leicester, the league leaders, in a match which involved considerably more than just the points.

Norman and Davenport are old adversaries, holding mutual respect but little affection. They have battled against each other since their early local tournament scuffles around Auckland. They understand each other intimately and, it seems, neither much likes what he knows. Emnity was swiftly apparent at Cannons Club yesterday.

Davenport, aged 24, had beaten Norman in their last meeting — in the US open played with a lowered tin and American scoring — shortly before Norman went to Toulouse and prised the world open title away from the mighty Jahangir Khan.

The victor yesterday was always certain of an edge in the matches to come, particularly for the Gold and Diamond Belgian Trophy for which they start today as top seeds.

The lanky Davenport started in combative mood. At 6ft 5in and with extraordinary reach and extension, Davenport sometimes fills more of the court than opponents would wish. Norman became increasingly frustrated and fell into fierce argument with the referee, John Robinson, over his right to reach the ball.

"I get along well with John Robinson off the court," Norman said later. "But I just do not think he is a good referee. I am going to have to report this to the Squash Referees Society." Robinson is the chairman of the SRS.

The 28-year-old world champion had problems with the same referee during his successful world open final and again when he played Kelvin Smith in a league match immediately after. "It is getting so I think more about the referee than the opponent when John is in the chair," he said.

With Davenport hitting winners from all over the place, enjoying the wide nicks of the glass court, Norman found himself adrift in the 22-minute first game, spoiling and brawling with his opponent and growling at the officials.

He won the second 9-0 but was drawn by a brilliant counter-attack in the third. Davenport, on a stroke-making high, is a delight to watch, but such action requires an enormous output of energy. Norman fought back from 7-2 down to win the game in two hands, then swept through the fourth 9-2.

RESULTS: InterCity Cannons 4, Skol Leicester 1 (Cannons names first): R Norman bt S Davenport, 3-9, 9-4, 9-7, 9-2; N Harvey bt M Bodimeade, 10-8, 9-1, 9-3; J Hickox bt P Carter, 9-5, 9-3, 4-9, 9-1; D Lee lost to P Millington, 5-9, 9-6, 4-9, 8-10; N Stiles bt S Taylor, 10-8, 9-7, 1-9, 9-4.

SNOOKER

Francisco's upset

By a Special Correspondent

Tony Knowles, ranked No 4 in the world, showed little of his true ability as he lost 5-2 to Silvino Francisco, the South African, in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

Knowles never came to terms with the fast-running table as Francisco moved easily into a 3-0 lead, putting down a 71 clearance in the second frame to highlight his early superiority.

A break of 68 in the fourth frame put Knowles' name on the scoresheet for the first time in the match, and helped him to win the frame. And after Francisco had gone 4-1 ahead, the 31-year-old from Bolton reduced the deficit by taking a dogged sixth frame by a margin of 82-20.

What little drama there was in a decidedly mundane encounter was restricted to the seventh frame. Francisco was five points up on the blue, took the blue but then missed the pink.

Knowles, too missed the pink, as did Francisco and eventually, after Knowles had finally sunk the offending ball the frame was reduced to a black ball finish.

Both players had several chances, and missed them, before Francisco eventually pocketed the ball to book his place in the quarter-finals and take one more step towards the first prize of £51,000.

Francisco is at the centre of a betting controversy after his 5-1 victory over his nephew, Peter, in the Mercantile Credit Classic tournament earlier this month and said that he felt 'tainted' by the allegations against his and his nephew's integrity.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Piste	Conditions Off Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) -	°C
AUSTRIA							
St Anton	80	300	good	varied	good	fine	-3
Good skiing on piste							
FRANCE							
La Plagne	70	150	fair	crust	fair	snow	2
Megève	80	180	fair	varied	fair	cloud	2
Snow falling above 1300							
Morzine	50	150	fair	heavy	fair	rain	-1
Snowing above 1200							
ITALY							
Courmayeur	40	160	good	varied	fair	snow	0
Snowing hard onto firm base							
SWITZERLAND							
Gstaad	60	110	good	varied	fair	fine	-1
Some ice but good overall							
Mürren	55	105	good	crusty	good	cloud	1
Varied but good on the whole							
Davos	85	145	good	varied	fair	cloud	-1
Good on piste							
Klosters	85	145	good	varied	good	cloud	-8
More snow is forecast							
Villars	30	110	fair	crust	fair	cloud	4
Piste hard and worn							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

FRANCE

	Depth (cm) Mn	Mx			
Hte Savoie/Savoie			Isère		
Les Arcs	90	200	Auris en Oisans	100	110
Carroz d'Araches	60	170	Chamrousse	100	120
Chamonix	60	200	Lans en Vercors	80	90
La Clusaz	65	150	Le Collet d'Allevard	60	100
Les Contamines	75	180	Les deux Alpes	30	155
Flaine	95	195	Les sept Laux	65	120
Le grand Bornand	55	130	St Pierre de Chartreuse	50	120
Les Houches	60	170	Alpes du Sud		
Megève	80	150	Allos le Seignus	40	60
Les Menuires	65	220	Auron	50	80
Meribel	90	170	Montgenèvre	50	70
Morzine-Avoriaz	80	220	Orcières Merlette	35	60
Peisey-Nancroix	40	100	Les Orres	60	100
La Plagne	115	190	Pra Loup	35	45
Pralognan la Vanoise	90	130	Serre Chevalier	50	70
Praz de Lys	90	150	Superdevoluy	100	140
La Rosière	108	200	Vars	45	65
St-François Longchamp	80	170	Pyrénées		
St Gervais	40	150	Les Agudes	110	190
Les Saisies	130	190	Les Angles	10	100
Samoëns	75	190	Ax-les-Thermes	100	200
La Toussuire	120	180	Barèges	80	210
Valfréjus	80	100	Cauterets Lys	190	270
Valmorel	120	180	Font Romeu	45	55
Val Thorens	200	270	Gourette	60	190

● Information supplied by the French Government Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2200ft. Glenshee: upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow, drifting badly; middle runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow, drifting badly; lower slopes, some runs complete, hard packed snow, drifting badly; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, clear, main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs, runs complete but narrow, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 1200ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2400ft. Lecht: upper runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; middle runs, some runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, limited nursery areas, hard packed snow with icy patches; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. Forecast for today: rather cloudy; scattered light snow showers; freezing at most levels; light variable winds. Outlook for tomorrow: similar.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

SKIING: AUSTRIA TURN THE TABLES ON THE SWISS TO THE RELIEF OF PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS

Gstrein back from injury to become an overnight hero

Austria, trying to crawl out from under the shadow of the dominant Swiss for the second successive world alpine championships, found their man yesterday: and even the Austrian public had to be reminded who he is.

Bernard Gstrein, a Tyrolean from Oetzsthal, has spent much of the past two years out of action following a serious knee injury in his first and only World Cup downhill at Val d'Isère in 1985. He missed most of two seasons and has been rehabilitating himself in New Zealand and in the America Cup last November and December.

Since his accident, he had not raced in a major downhill and had not come higher than 14 in a slalom, at Kranjska Gora in Yugoslavia.

Then, on Sunday in Kitzbühel, he finished fifth in the slalom, an occurrence which will have escaped the notice of all but the most assiduous of winter sports statisticians. It was sufficient to persuade the harrassed Austrian selectors to nominate him for the Combined Event in the world championships.

Yesterday Gstrein made himself, not to say the selectors, an overnight hero by winning the Combined Event slalom by more than two seconds. For the next 20 minutes you could not see anybody else at the finishing line for the swarm of Austrian photographers, who have become understandably weary of recording yet another modest smile of success from Zurbriggen.

First blood to Austria: Bernhard Gstrein (right) and his colleague, Günther Mader, jubilant after placing first and second in the slalom combined, the opening races at Crans-Montana

Gstrein won the first leg of the slalom by over a second from Felix McGrath of the United States, with Guenther Mader, another Austrian, in third place. On the second run, Gstrein widened the margin, with Mader overhauling McGrath. Austrian euphoria may be short-lived, however, because the wolves of the downhill discipline, which is run on Friday, are ominously poised within striking distance.

"When I woke this morning I felt good and I knew I was going to go well," Gstrein said. "It was not a question of tactics, but just going as fast as I possibly could. I have not been selected for the main slalom event, but maybe after this the selectors may reconsider the situation."

So anxious is Gstrein about the prospect of Friday's race, and another encounter with the downhill — with a nation back home following his every twist — that yesterday he would not go and inspect the Bella Lui course. The start is about 600 feet lower than the main downhill, and Gstrein said that he preferred to wait until today's training. He will be taking advice from Harti Weirather, a doyen, with Klammer, of past Austrian glories.

Zurbriggen, tenth on the first leg some two seconds behind Gstrein, improved to ninth on the second run. He has Markus Wasmeier, of West Germany, close behind him, and Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, who has had a less than brilliant season, just over a second in front of him. Zurbriggen feels those are margins which will be manageable on Friday.

"I'm happy that Girardelli is only a little bit in front," he said, "and with Wasmeier behind me, I will have to make serious mistakes in the downhill to let him come through."

The other acknowledged downhillers are more or less out of reach. Leonard Stock (Austria), who was seventh in the Hahnenkamm, lies eighteenth, Boyd (Canada), eleventh on Sunday, is 31st. Martin Bell of Britain, with a slalom standard which will neither elate nor depress him, did well to improve with his second run from 34th to 29th, though his margin behind Gstrein was over 20 seconds. A spectacular combined downhill can still see him finishing well placed.

Spotswood rewarded for rethink

By Michael Coleman

Dropped from the national training squad in November, a dejected John Spotswood buried himself high in the Swiss Engadin and searched for the stamina and speed that had deserted his Nordic legs.

His astonishing victory in the recent classic Passlung 23km race at Scuols showed that he has hit on the right training recipe. It elevates him to the status of dark horse, if not indeed that of favourite in the national Nordic Championships taking place in Zwiesel, Bavaria. The first test will be today in the 15km followed by the 10km (tomorrow) and the 30km on Saturday.

With selection for the world championships at Oberstdorf in two weeks time at stake, no quarter can be expected in this toughest of skiing disciplines.

Spotswood's win at Scuols cannot be overpraised. More than 300 were in the race, a mass start staged at minus 16 degrees on a hilly course, but according to the Swiss newspaper, *Bundner Sport*, Spotswood set such a punishing pace that the front group that had clung on to him had nothing left when the Britain delivered the upper-cut, his final sprint.

Back in November, Spotswood failed to meet the mark in the trials held in Sweden, where the British do their early-season training. As funds were low, he was dropped from the squad but retired to the Swiss Alps for a rethink.

Established national squad members such as Patrick Winterton, Ewan McKenzie and Andy Wylie will be hoping that their training regime, as devised by the new national coach, Christa Ericsson, of Sweden, will produce the same result as those from the trainer to whom Spotswood turned, namely Albin Battista — Ericsson's predecessor.

RESULTS: 20km National Biathlon Championship: 1, M Dixon, 1hr 18min 04.30sec; 2, B Rex, 1:21:08.80; 3, P Leat, 1:22:20.80. Scuols: Passlung 23km: 1, J Spotswood (GB) 1hr 00min 56sec; 2, U Baselgia (Davos) 1:00:57; 3, H-P Schmid (Bachtel) 1:00:57.5; 4, M Meier (Klosters) 1:00:59; 5, H Gantenbein (St Moritz) 1:02:42; 6, J Barbueda (Scuols) 1:02:43.

YACHTING

Curing a salty eyesore is a glaring priority

Fremantle, Australia (Reuter) — Blinding glare, burning sun and flying salt spray have forced one America's Cup sailor to wear an industrial dust mask in a country with the highest rate of skin cancer in the world.

The crews of both Stars and Stripes and Kookaburra III, the cup finalists, are learning to protect themselves.

Peter Gilmour, the starting helmsman and mainsheet trimmer on Kookaburra, has opted for an industrial dust mask to protect his severely-burned lips.

Visiting sailors find the searing heat and high seas off Fremantle harsh. Dennis Conner, the skipper of Stars and Stripes, was treated by an eye specialist during preliminary rounds after being constantly blinded by salt spray.

Iain Murray, his rival skipper, said that sunglasses offered protection until they became caked with salt.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Phoenix Suns 120, Detroit Pistons 118; Portland Trailblazers 145, Denver Nuggets 141; Seattle Supersonics 108, Utah Jazz 95; Milwaukee Bucks 114, Los Angeles Clippers 94.

CYCLING

ROTTERDAM: Six-day race: Fourth day: 1, D Clark and P-A Bincoletto (Aus/It) 171 pts. One lap behind: 2, T van Vliet and J Kristen (Neth/WG) 134; 3, R Hermann and P Stevenhaagen (Liech/Neth) 133; 4, T Doyle and L Fignon (GB/Fr) 104; Two laps behind: 5, G Knetemann and S Tourne (Neth/Bel) 144; Three laps behind: 6, J Zoetemelk and E de Wilde (Neth/Bel) 105; 7, J Worre and J Pedersen (Den) 92; Seven laps behind: 8, A Bondeau and B Vallet (Fr) 69; Nine laps behind: 9, M Vaarten and J Schlephott (Bel/WG) 30; Thirteen laps behind: 10, S Hermann and H-H Oersted (Liech/Den) 73.

FOOTBALL

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Cambridge University 0, Athenian League 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 0, Watford 0; Millwall 0, Charlton 1.
SCOTTISH CUP: Second round: Raith 4, Vale of Leithen 0; St Johnstone 4, Queen's Park 1; Stenhousemuir 0, Berwick Rangers 0. Postponed: Albion Rovers v Whitehill.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Dagenham 4, Chelmsford 1.
BILL DELLOW CUP: Cambridge City 1, Buckingham 2.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Bradford City 0, Oldham 1; Manchester City 2, Newcastle 1; Wimbledon 3, Bournemouth 2.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Dulwich Hamlet 2, Barking 2 (aet).

BILLIARDS

STOCKPORT: PM Sports, UK professional championship, final: N Dagley (Earl Shilton) bt R Edmonds (Grimsby) 3-1.

GOLF

LEADING EARNINGS: US PGA tour: 1, C Pavin (US) $195,050; 2, M Calcavecchia (US) 122,200; 3, P Azinger (US) 108,000; 4, H Sutton (US) 102,200; 5, B Langer (WG) 97,000; 6, M O'Grady (US) 90,000; 7, R Tway (US) 64,367; 8, R Fehr (US) 55,757; 9, A Bean (US) 49,018; 10, D Frost (SA) 42,986; 11, F Zoeller (US) 40,400; 12, TC Chen (Tai) 38,739; 13, E Fiori (US) 30,404; 14, C Peete (US) 29,849; 15, D Forsman (US) 29,823; 16, G Norman (Aus) 29,800; 17, B McCallister (US) 29,138; J Sluman (US) 29,138; 19, R Floyd (US) 28,795; 20, L Rinker (US) 26,983; British positions: 28, A Lyle, $22,120; 68: K Brown, 5,632.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: Preliminary round replay: Fulham 22, Kells 14.

SKIING

CRANS MONTANA: Slalom Combined Event (provisional): 1, B Gstrein (Austria) 1:42.45; 2, G Mader (Austria) 1:44.48; 3, F McGrath (US) 1:44.60; 4, J Schick (WG) 1:45.70; 5, F Jagge (Nor) 1:45.79; 6, R Erlacher (It) 1:45.90; 7, M Girardelli (Lux) 1:45.98; 8, R Pramotton (It) 1:46.13; 9, P Zurbriggen (Switz) 1:47.12; 10, M Wasmeier (WG) 1:47.98; 11, M Hangl (Switz) 1:48.58; 12, L B Eriksson (Swe) 1:50.46; 13, F Piccard (Fr) 1:51.64; 14, M Kolar (Cz) 1:52.84; 15, G Hoop (Liech) 1:53.19. British results: 29, M Bell, 2:03.07; 34, R Duncan, 2:11.99; 49, G Bell, 2:46.61.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Calgary Flames 6, Toronto Maple Leafs 5; Boston Bruins 6, Buffalo Sabres 2; New York Rangers 6, New Jersey Devils 3; Montreal Canadiens 3, Chicago Blackhawks 2.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cleveland Bombers 11, Solihull Barons 5; Fife Flyers 10, Dundee Rockets 6; Nottingham Panthers 8, Durham Wasps 5; Whitley Warriors 6, Murrayfield Racers 16; Dundee Rockets 13, Whitley Warriors 10; Murrayfield Racers 4, Ayr Bruins 6; Solihull Barons 2, Nottingham Panthers 10; Streatham Redskins 6, Durham Wasps 11. First division: Medway Bears 18, Blackpool Seagulls 5; Oxford City Stars 8, Southampton Vikings 11; Peterborough Pirates 12, Kirkcaldy Kestrels 3; Sunderland Chiefs 8, Trafford Metros 10; Telford Tigers 8, Slough Jets 7; Bournemouth Stags 4, Medway Bears 11; Kirkcaldy Kestrels 8, Trafford Metros 8; Lee Valley Lions 17, Blackpool Seagulls 9; Richmond Flyers 7, Peterborough Pirates 14.

Wales Conference

Patrick	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Philadelphia	32	13	4	68	206	136
New York Is	24	21	4	52	175	187
Wash'tn	20	22	7	47	159	182
N Jersey	20	24	5	45	180	222
N York Rang	18	22	8	44	182	195
Pittsburgh	18	22	8	44	174	169

Adams	W	L	T	Pts	F	A
Hartford	25	18	6	56	161	158
Montreal	24	21	7	55	175	165
Boston	24	19	5	53	174	151
Quebec	18	25	7	43	152	165
Buffalo	14	28	6	34	160	188

TENNIS

AUCKLAND: Women's Tournament: First round: R Seeman (NZ) bt C Bakkum (Neth) 2-6, 7-6, 6-3; P Vasquez (Peru) bt S Schenck (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-0; K Kell (US) bt J Newman (US) 6-1, 6-4; P Smith (US) bt S McNamara (Aus) 6-2, 6-2; B Perry (NZ) bt J Tacon (GB) 6-2, 6-4; A Devries (Bel) bt M Bowrey (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; L O'Neil (Aus) bt G Falkenberg (US) 6-2, 6-2; B Cordwell (NZ) bt A Tate (NZ) 6-2, 6-1; M Jaggard (Aus) bt B Reinstadler (Austria) 6-1, 6-3; A Dingwall (Aus) bt L Fleming (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; J Salmon (GB) bt T King (NZ) 6-0, 6-1; L Field (Aus) bt S Rimes (US) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, Y Noah (Fr); 6, H Leconte (Fr); 7, J Nystrom (Swe); 8, J Connors (US); 9, M Mecir (Cz); 10, A Gomez (Ec); 11, M Pernfors (Swe); 12, B Gilbert (US); 13, P Cash (Aus); 14, K Carlsson (Swe); 15, J McEnroe (US); 16, T Mayotte (US); 17, E Sanchez (Sp); 18, M Jaite (Arg); 19, A Jarryd (Swe); 20, K Curren (US).

ATP EARNINGS: 1, S Edberg (Swe) $121,633; 2, P Cash (Aus) 53,136; 3, W Masur (Aus) 47,884; 4, M Mecir (Cz) 32,939; 5, A Jarryd (Swe) 31,085; 6, I Lendl (Cz) 28,650; 7, P Doohan (Aus) 18,908; 8, M Schapers (Neth) 17,354; 9, B Scanlon (US) 14,987; 10, K Evernden (Aus) 14,806; 11, Y Noah (Fr) 13,336; 12, L Warder (Aus) 11,910; 13, D Rostagno (US) 11,908; 14, P Annacone (US) 11,866; R Seguso (US) 11,666 16, M Kratzmann (Aus) 10,736; 17, B Pearce (US) 9,824; 18, R Krishnan (India) 9,730; 19, K Flach (US) 9,410; 20, C Limberger (Austria) 9,139.

GRAND PRIX POSITIONS: Men: 1, S Edberg (Swe) 700pts; 2, P Cash (Aus) 500; 3, W Masur (Aus) 448; 4, I Lendl (Cz), 350; 5, M Mecir (Cz) 289; 6, K Evernden (NZ) 200; A Jarryd (Swe) 200; Y Noah (Fr) 200; 9, D Rostagno (US) 136; 10, M Schapers (Neth) 123; 11, D Goldie (US) 109; 12, P Doohan (Aus) 100; M Kratzmann (Aus) 100; B Becker (WG) 100; R Seguso (US) 100; T Wilkison (US) 100.

BOWLS

Price has the qualities to secure second title

By David Rhys Jones

Patience, tranquility and phlegm are virtues particularly associated with bowls. John Price, from Swansea, the favourite, showed them all, plus tenacity and skill for good measure, when he won the CIS Welsh indoor singles championship at Bridgend.

In the final, Allan McCarley gave him a rough ride at first but Price's patience and precision told in the end. He turned the game on the 11th end with a delicate master stroke, easing an enemy Llanelli bowl out of the head for a maximum four, and taking the lead at 11-10.

Price ultimately won a match of subtle quality and great tension by 21 shots to 15, and became the Welsh champion for the second time, having won in 1980 when aged 20.

RESULT: J Price (Swansea) 21, A McCarley (Llanelli) 15.

● At the Morrison Centre, Darlington, two of the leading names reached the semi-finals of the Samson indoor classic.

David Bryant (Clevedon) trailed Roy Cutts (Ipswich) in both sets of his match but, as he so often does, he made a studious comeback. In the second set from 3-0 down, he strung together a 2-3-2 sequence to get home.

The Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, Willie Wood (Edinburgh), was also happy to score a straight sets victory over Noel Burrows, avenging his defeat by the Manchester-based player in the television Superbowl 16 months ago.

The first set went to nine ends before Wood scored a double to win from 5-5. He found the second set more straightforward, winning 7-2.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: D Bryant (Clevedon) bt R Cutts (Ipswich), 7-5, 7-3; W Wood (Edinburgh) bt N Burrows (Manchester), 7-5, 7-2.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated.

FA Cup
Third round second replays
Luton v Liverpool (7.45)
Stoke City v Grimsby Town

Freight Rover Trophy
First round
Swindon v Bournemouth (7.45)

Fourth division
Hereford Utd v Crewe Alex

Scottish Cup
Second round
Albion v Whitehill

Second round replay
Berwick Rangers v Stenhousemuir

Scottish premier division
Hamilton v Dundee Utd

Scottish second division
Alloa Athletic v Stranraer
East Stirling v Ayr United

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Nottingham Forest v Blackburn; Sheffield Wednesday v Hull. Second division: Darlington v Rotherham (7.30); Doncaster v Scunthorpe (6.30); Port Vale v Bolton; West Bromwich v Blackpool; York v Barnsley (7.30).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Southampton; Oxford United v Arsenal.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Newport v Exeter (2.0). Postponed: Cardiff v Bristol City.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Worksop v Goole.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Third round: Shepshed v Merthyr.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Ruislip Manor v Harefield.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Alvechurch v Oswestry
FA TROPHY: Second round: Maidstone v Altrincham. Replay: Fareham v Bromsgrove.
FA VASE: Fourth round replay: Collier Row v Horsham.
HERTFORDSHIRE CHARITY SHIELD: Final: Berkhamsted v Welwyn GC (at Hemel Hempstead FC).
LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round: Feltham v Brimsdown.
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SENIOR CUP: Raunds v Kettering.
SOMERSET SENIOR CUP: Third round: Yeovil v Radstock.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division (7.45): Chard v Liskeard; Mangotsfield v Dawlish; Chippenham v Melksham.
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Stowmarket v Sudbury.
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals (2.0): Bangor v Kent; Brunel v Southampton; Newcastle v Leicester; Warwick v Loughborough.
ESFA GILLETTE TROPHY: Fifth round: Bolton v Burton on Trent (at Horwich FC).

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: RAF v Oxford University (at RAF Halton, Aylesbury, 2.15); Royal Navy v Cambridge University (at Burnaby Road, Portsmouth, 2.30).
CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Abertillery (7.0); Bridgend v Penarth (7.15); Glamorgan Wanderers v Cilfton (7.15); Newport v Cross Keys (7.0).
UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-finals (2.0): Bristol v Nottingham; Durham v Swansea; Loughborough v Reading; UWCM v Bradford (2.30).
HOSPITALS CUP: First round (2.30): Charing Cross/Westminster v St Bartholomew's; King's College v St George's. Second Round: UCH/Middlesex v St Thomas's; Royal Free v Guy's.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax v Barrow.

BASKETBALL

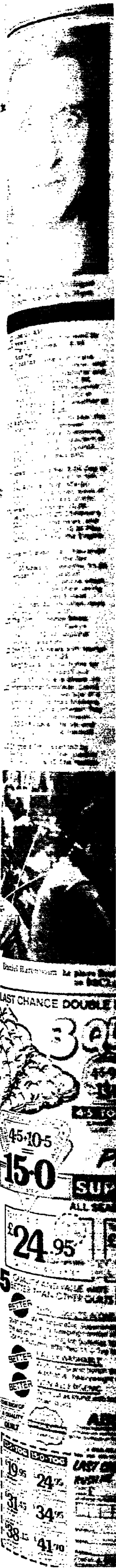
NATIONAL LEAGUE (8.0): Carlsberg first division: Men: Alphaprint Hemel and Watford Royals v Team Polycell Kingston; Leicester Riders v BCP London; HFS Portsmouth v Happy Eater Bracknell Pirates (at Havant).

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Spencer v Cambridge University (2.15).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University v Army (at The Parks: 2.15).

OTHER SPORT:

BOXING: Frank Warren Promotion: Terry Marsh v David Taylor (US) (at Fairfield Halls, Croydon).
BOWLS: Samson classic (at Darlington).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters tournament (at Wembley Conference Centre, 2.0 and 7.0).



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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
and Peter Davalle

A colourful lesson from No 10

Spike Milligan: Milligan Papers, Radio 4, 6.30pm

CHOICE

● The best-publicised leak of the week so far has been from the kitchen at 10 Downing Street, and it had nothing to do with the thaw or the plumbing. The news got out that the first edition of BBC TV's new do-it-yourself science magazine Take Nobody's Word for It (7.35pm) would climax in a domesticated Mrs Thatcher demonstrating how to produce starch-free bread. In this instance, the caution in the title has little relevance because, demonstrably, all that has to be done is to wash the starch out of the dough with cold water. To mix metaphors, it is a different kettle of fish altogether when it comes to the dark-purple water you get when you boil red cabbage. Add it to a sodium bicarbonate solution and it turns a lovely green; put it into clear vinegar and it goes pink. The implication is that we should all exercise a greater degree of scepticism and that neither in politics nor in science should we take anybody's word for it when they say they are True Blue. This studio set for this new popular science series is ornamented with what look like blue serpents coiled around grey pillars, the funnels of ship ventilation shafts, and a massive Bunsen burner. We shall have to take producer Patrick Titley's word for it that these embellishments have some scientific relevance.

● The basic weakness of Split Screen (BBC2, 10.00pm) is shrewdly defined and enunciated by its presenter, Laurie Taylor, and it is the theory that there are only two sides to every question. Taylor knows, and so do we, that there could be at least three. Realistically of course, there is a limit to the number of ways the screen can be split in half an hour and, considering everything, tonight's two totally opposed films about whether sex education should be done in the home or in the school, focuses sharply on the principal issues: whether it is enough just to teach the bald facts about sex or whether moral responsibility should be the cornerstone.

● Odyssey (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is a four-decker. For me, the least interesting of the four films is the one about Saharan nomads putting down roots. The best is the one about an Icelandic volcano – though perhaps you should not take my word for it.

Peter Davalle

A scene from Yilmaz Guney's film drama Hope (Channel 4, 10.00pm)

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News headlines followed by The Flintstones.** (r) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time with Frank** Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and traffic reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 **Watchdog.** In the hot-seat this week, waiting to answer viewers' 'phone-in questions, is Charles Evans, president of the Bus and Coach Council. 8.55 Regional news and weather.
9.00 **News and weather 9.05 Day to Day.** With Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald examines ways of making funerals less costly.
10.00 **News and weather 10.05 Neighbours 10.25 Children's BBC.** Programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Ivor the Engine.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Paul Alexander with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Holiday 87.** A repeat of yesterday's programme which included Jill Crawshaw taking holiday brochures to task. **11.35 Open Air,** includes news and weather at 12.00.
12.20 **The Tom O'Connor Show.** Variety show from Falkirk Town Hall. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock news** with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Danny fights for his life after his disastrous party **1.45 Chock-a-Block.** (r)
2.00 **International Snooker.** David Icke introduces coverage of a Benson and Hedges Masters first round game between Ray Reardon and Joe Johnson. **3.00 Dr Kildare.** The second and final part of the medical drama. (r)
3.50 **Stilgoe's On** presented by Richard Stilgoe. The guest is Ray Alan. (r) **4.10 The Hunter.** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Joss Ackland with part three of Roald Dahl's story of Danny - the Champion of the World. **4.25 Bananaman.** (r) **4.35 You Should Be So Lucky!** Talent competition between stage schools.
5.00 **John Craven's Newsround 5.05 Treasure Houses.** Mark Curry, from Dickens's house in London and his Portsmouth birthplace, traces the story of the life of the celebrated novelist.
5.35 **First Class.** Inter-school video quiz. This evening Holyrood from Somerset meet Daventry Southbrook from Northants.
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** Tonight's guests include Jeffrey Archer and Michael Palin
7.35 **The Muppet Show.** The guest is John Cleese.
8.00 **Dallas.** Jeremy Wendell is recruiting for his campaign against Ewing Oil.(Ceefax)
8.50 **Points of View.** Anne Robinson dips into the BBC's postbag.
9.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the SDP.
9.05 **News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.35 **Challenge 87 for the America's Cup.** Ian Wooldridge reports from Perth on the battles to defend and to challenge for the America's Cup.
10.25 **Sportsnight** introduced by Steve Rider. **Boxing** from Perugia where Chris Pyatt defends his European light-middleweight title against local man Gianfranco Rosi; **Snooker:** Neal Foulds meets Dennis Taylor in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Masters; **Football:** tonight's FA Cup news; and **Ski-ing:** the World Championships from Crans-Montana.
12.10 **Weather.**

Daniel Barenboim: he plays Beethoven's Sonata No 6 Op 10 No 2 on BBC2 at 11.25pm

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**
9.15 **Daytime on Two:** the difference the A9 road has made to the people living in the Highlands **9.35 Ceefax 10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** Science: sliding **10.38** How do scientists classify colour? **11.00** Vicky Ireland with the tale of Noisy Neville **11.17** Life in a Scottish school a century ago **11.40** The childhood of Christ.
12.02 Maths: geometry **12.25** Working in the leisure industry **12.48** French for beginners **1.10** Basic business jargon for those whose second language is English **1.38** Mining in Scotland **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** Thinkabout **2.15** Paul Cola talks to an eskimo at her home on Frobisher Bay.
2.35 **Bazaar.** (r)
3.05 **News** and weather.
3.08 **International Snooker.** Further coverage of the Ray Reardon/Joe Johnson match.
3.50 **News,** regional news, and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.**
4.30 **International Snooker.** The final frames of the Ray Reardon/Joe Johnson game.
5.30 **Cover to Cover.** Jill Neville and her guests review the latest hardbacks and paperbacks, including Elmore Leonard's Mr Majestyk; and The Jaguar Smile, Salman Rushdie story of his journey last year to Nicaragua.
6.00 **International Snooker.** Highlights of the Ray Reardon/Joe Johnson match.
7.00 **World Ski-ing Championships.** The Women's Combined Downhill from Crans-Montana.
7.35 **Take Nobody's Word For It.** A new 'do-it-yourself' science series presented by Carol Mather and Professor Ian Fells. The first guest is Mrs Thatcher. (see Choice)
8.00 **Whistle Test.** Andy Kershaw is in Nashville to meet Steve Earl; Mark Ellen listens to the re-formed Bad Company; and a studio performance from The Cult.
8.30 **Out of Court.** David Jessel and Sue Cook investigate the law.
9.00 **M*A*S*H.** A delivery of mail delights some and disappoints others at the 4077th. (r) Starring Alan Alda.
9.25 **Filthy Rich and Catflap.** Comedy series starring Adrian Edmondson, Rik Mayall, Nigel Planer, and, tonight, Mel Smith
10.00 **Split Screen.** Sex Education in Schools is the subject of the two films in this first programme of a new series, presented by Laurie Taylor. One film is made by Family and Youth Concern; the other, taking an opposite view, by the Family Planning Association. (see Choice)
10.30 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the SDP.
10.35 **Newsnight 11.20 Weather.**
11.25 **Ludwig van Beethoven.** Daniel Barenboim plays the Piano Sonata No 6 Op 10 No 2. Ends at 11.45.

ITV/LONDON

6.15 **TV-am** presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** introduced by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. The After Nine guests include Edward and Angela Fox; and Dr David Delvin who begins a three-part series on childhood ailments.
9.25 **Thames News headlines.**
9.30 **Schools:** simple mathematical concepts **9.42** Making things move **9.59** Junior Maths: lines **10.16** Schoolchildren interview people in the street **10.33** The soap opera phenomenon using Brookside as an example **11.03** The capabilities of computers **11.22** Children program a computer **11.39** Part two of Jean Anouilh's La Belle Vie.
12.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet programme. (r) **12.10 Allsorts. 12.30 Wish You Were Here..?** A repeat of Monday's programme which included Judith Chalmers on a tour of Bordeaux's wine chateaux.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news 1.30 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in an Australian outback town.
2.30 **On the Market.** Susan Brookes and Mark Gorton with advice on the best fresh food buys. Plus, news of the regional recipe contest. **3.00 Amoebas to Zebras.** Nature quiz presented by Nigel Rees. With Peter Stevens, Liz Bomford, and Jake Ward. **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama.
4.00 **Creepy Crawlies.** Paul Nicholas with the story of You Too Can Have Muscles **4.10 Batfink.** Cartoon. **4.20 Sooty,** with Matthew Corbett. **4.45 Y.E.S.** Adventures of a group of children who have set up a Youth Enquiry Service, something which, today, arouses the attention of the police and the mysterious Ma Venables.
5.15 **Connections.** Sue Robbie presents another round of the quiz game for sixth formers.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with community action news.
6.35 **Crossroads.** Kath and Stephen receive news from the north of England.
7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews, armed with his big red book, emotionally mugs another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 **Coronation Street.** Gail Tilsley is affected by Ian Latimer's presence in Weatherfield. (Oracle)
8.00 **Sporting Triangles.** Sports quiz presented by Nick Owen. Jimmy Greaves and Tessa Sanderson are joined by Ian St John, Roger Black, Eric Bristow and Willie Thorne.
8.30 **High and Dry.** Comedy series starring Bernard Cribbins as a man who buys a dilapidated pier. With Richard Wilson and Angus Martin. (Oracle)
9.00 **The Equalizer.** This week the resourceful McCall comes to the assistance of a student who is being harassed by a gang of thugs. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)
10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the SDP.
10.05 **News** with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.35 **Midweek Sport Special** introduced by Nick Owen. **Boxing** from Fairfields Hall, Croydon, where Terry Marsh and Tony McKenzie are on the bill; and **Football:** highlights from one of tonight's game. Brian Moore is the commentator.
12.20 **That's Hollywood.** Stars of spoken comedy.
12.45 **Night Thoughts.**

A Tunisian nomad: his story is told in Odyssey, Channel 4's new monthly travel magazine (9.00pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.**
2.30 **Film: The Frozen Limits*** (1939) starring The Crazy Gang as a fairground sideshow who, when facing competition from a troupe of dancing girls, decide to seek their fortune in the frozen wastes of Alaska. Directed by Marcel Varnel.
4.00 **Mavis on 4.** Mavis Nicholson meets two people who have used government funds to start new careers - racing pigeon breeder, Les Harvey, and television repairer, Belinda Jane Hyde
4.30 **Jigsaw.** Quiz game for pairs.
5.00 **Chateauvallon.** The French language with English subtitles version of the first episode of the French soap opera, shown on Monday, about the rivalry between two families living in the same sleepy Loire town.
6.00 **The Marketing Mix.** Part three of the 10-programme series investigating marketing includes an examination of how Bradford was marketed as a tourist centre. (r) (Oracle)
6.30 **Dust and Dreams.** This fourth programme in the series from the cinema news magazine The March of Time, looking at America's lifestyle between 1935 and 1951, examines the leisure industry includes showman Billy Rose's attempts to put Fort Worth on the map. (Oracle)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 **Comment.** This week's political slot is filled by Michael Meacher, Labour MP for Oldham West.
8.00 **Tom Keating on Pictures.** Part two and Mr Keating discusses Rembrandt and illustrtaes his style by painting a composite of two of the master's portraits - of his son Titus, and a self-portrait.(r) (Oracle)
8.30 **Diverse Reports: Private Lives.** Press revelations about private lives. Should they be allowed? Christine Chapman talks to victims, journalists, lawyers, and politicians, and argues that the right to privacy should be protected by law.
9.00 **Odyssey.** A new monthly magazine programme, introduced tonight by Robin Hanbury-Tenison. This edition includes items on camels in Australia; killer bees; and the changing lifestyle of nomads in Tunisia. (see Choice)
10.00 **Film: Hope*** (1970) An examination of social injustice in Turkey, focussing on a horse-taxi driver and his efforts to survive in a changing and hstile environment. Starring Yilmaz Guney. Directed by Yilmez Guney and Serif Goren.
11.45 **Beyond Belief.** Professor Anthony Clare talks to Marina Warner about her book about the Virgin Mary. Alone of All Her Sex.
12.15 **Their Lordships' House.** Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at 12.30.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 12.10am-12.40 Film 87 12.40-12.45 News SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 5.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 7.35-7.55 Attic Archives 7.55-8.00 Ringing Strings NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 The Video Picture Show

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND 11.17am-11.37 See Here! 11.40-12.00 Ceefax

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 12.20am It's not Fair, Lord. Closedown

BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Face the Public 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 12.20am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 6.00-6.35 News 12.20am Jobfinder 1.20 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Granada Reports 1.20-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.25 This Is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 12.20am Close-

HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 News 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

Michael Loney: Coronation Street, ITV, 7.30pm

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 Mary 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 12.20am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 12.20am Company. Close-

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lifestyles 1.20 News 1.25 Where the Jobs Are 1.30 Candid Camera 1.55-2.30 Bowls 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 12.20am God Incognito, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 History of the Car 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Ask Anne 12.20am Moviemakers 12.45 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 12.20am Insight 12.45 Jobfinder 1.45 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 11.10am Ysgolion 11.45 Interval 12.05pm Film: Beggar's Opera* 1.45 Their Lordships House 2.00 Jigsaw 2.30 Looking Into Paintings 3.00 Equinox 4.05 Ffalabalam 4.20 Corachod 4.35 Pen a Chynffon 5.00 Bil-Affing 5.30 Car 54, Where Are You* 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Mavis on 4 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Margaret Williams 8.15 Hel Straeon 9.00 Film: Obsessed with a Married Woman 10.45 Snwcer 11.25 Max Headroom Show 11.55 Diverse Reports 12.25am Closedown.

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Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30 am until 8.30 pm then 10.00 and 12.00 midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Simon Mayo **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00** John Peel. VHF Stereo 1 & 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Cricket: Australia v The West Indies at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 6.31, 7.07, 7.31, 8.07, 8.31, 9.02, 10.02, 11.02, 12.02pm.
4.00am Charles Nove **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young (questions on Aids and HIV infection) **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Anne Shelton **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 **8.30** Homoresque **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** Al Read **10.15** Tommy Burton's Sportinghouse Quartet **10.30** The Golden Years (Alan Keith) **11.00** Brian Matthew **1.00am** Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). **7.00** News. **7.09** Twenty-four Hours. **7.30** Development '87. **8.00** News. **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** Classical Record Review. **8.30** Quote, Unquote. **9.00** News. **9.09** Review of British Press. **9.15** World Today. **9.30** Financial News followed by: Look Ahead. **9.45** Patrick Martyn's Music Box. **10.00** News. **10.01** Omnibus. **10.30** Jazz Score. **11.00** News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** No Laughing Matter. **11.25** A Letter from Wales (until 11.30). **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Masterpiece in Miniature. **12.25** Farming World. **12.45** Sports Roundup. **1.00** News. **1.09** Twenty-four Hours. **1.30** Development '87. **2.00** Outlook, opening with News. **2.45** Report on Religion. **3.00** Radio Newsreel. **3.15** A Future for the Past. **3.30** Two Cheers for January. **4.00** News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** Rock Salad. **4.45** World Today. **5.00** News. **5.09** A Letter from Wales (until 5.15). **8.00** News. **8.09** Twenty-four Hours. **8.30** Assignment. **9.00** News. **9.01** Network UK. **9.15** Rock Salad. **9.45** Recording of the Week. **10.00** News. **10.09** World Today. **10.25** A Letter from Wales. **10.30** Financial News. **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** Good Books. **11.30** Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty. **12.00** News. **12.09** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Two Cheers for January. **1.00** News. **1.01** Outlook. **1.30** Waveguide. **1.40** Book Choice. **1.45** Body Talk. **2.00** News. **2.09** Review of British Press. **2.15** Network UK. **2.30** Assignment. **3.00** News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** World Today. **3.30** Crime and Punishment. **4.00** Newsdesk. **4.30** Classical Record Review (until 4.45). **5.45** World Today. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Schubert (Die Zauberharfe overture: Vienna SO), Rodrigo (Concierto serenata: Nancy Allen, harp and RPO), Chausson (Poeme, Op 25: Nigel Kennedy, violin, with LPO). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Franz Benda (Flute Concerto in E minor: Rampal with Ensemble Orchestral de Paris), Tomasek (Symphony in D, Op 30: Dvorak CO). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Fauré. Le don silencieux; Chanson, Op 94; Vocalise-etude (Gerard Souzay, baritone, Elly Ameling, soprano, Dalton Baldwin, piano), Nine Preludes, Op 103 (Jean-Philippe Collard, piano), Le jardin clos, Op 106 (Ameling). with Baldwin at piano), Nocturne No 11 in F sharp minor (Collard, piano)
10.00 Tchaikovsky: Oslo PO under Jansons play the Symphony No 1
10.45 String Duos: Oscar Shumsky (violin), with Eric Shumsky (piano). Mozart (Duo in B flat major, K 424), and Alessandro Rolla (Duo concertante in C major)
11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Ashley Lawrence), with John Wallace, trumpet and Simon Wright, piano). Nicolai (Merry Wives of Windsor overture), Panufnik (Concerto in modo antico), Tomlinson (Elegy. Head of the Family), Antheil (Sonata for trumpet and piano), Elgar (Mina). Reger arrangement of Wolf (Italian Serenade)
12.30 Blues with a Difference: Kingsley Amis presents a programme of recordings made by Bix Beiderbecke. 1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: Philip Martin (piano). Debussy (Arabesques; Preludes, Book 2
2.00 BBC Scottish SO (under Richard Armstrong). Janacek (Prelude: Jealousy; The Fiddler's Child). Borodin (Symphony No 2)
2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes Edward Greenfield's guide to recordings of the Dvorak Cello Concerto.(r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from Winchester Cathedal. A live recording. 4.55 News
5.00 Midweek Choice. Weber (Preciosa overture: Dresden State Orchestra), Offenbach (Cello Concerto: Ofra Harnoy with Cincinatti SO), Lortzing (the overture Der Waffenschmied: RIAS RSO), Mozart (Sonata in D, K 306: Perlman, violin, and Barenboim, piano), Dohnanyi (Suite in F sharp minor: RPO), Ladislav Kupkovic (Souvenir: Kremer, violin, with Vienna SO), Tchaikovsky (Fantasy overture Romeo and Juliet, 1869 version: LSO)
7.00 Debut: Penelope Roskell (piano) gives her first Radio 3 recital, playing Mozart's Sonata in C major, K 279, and George Benjamin's Sortileges
7.30 City of Birmingham SO (under Simon Rattle). Part one. Sibelius (Symphony No 6)
8.00 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC
8.20 Concert (part towo): Mahler (Symphony No 6)
9.45 Finzi: A young man's exhortation, Op 14 (Maldwyn Davies, tenor, and Iain Ledingham, piano)
10.15 New Premises: the unorthdox arts magazine.(r)
11.00 Bochmann String Quartet, with Bernard Roberts (piano). Mozart (String Quartet in D, K 575), and Schumann's Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

Kingsley Amis: on Radio 3 at 12.30pm

Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek, with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Experts answer questions from an audience at the Malvern Horticultural Society.
10.30 Morning Story. The Loathly Opposite, by John Buchan.Reader:William Eedle.
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel: The Politics of Song. French-speaking playwright Michel Tremblay and director Andy Jordan discuss Tremblay's work and life in Montreal.
11.48 Enquire Within. Neil Landor tackles some of the queries sent in by listeners.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs with John Howard.
12.27 Some Mother's Son. Part 3 of John Fletcher's six-part serial (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Kate Mortimer,of the Securities Investment Board.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: Sandra and the Seagulls. by Rachel Wyatt. With Lesley Sharp. (s)
3.47 Time for Verse. Poet Alex Lykiard on dreams and nightmares (s)
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4.
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. Baltic Beat. Tony Palmer investigates the contemporary music scene of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, often overshadowed by their Slav neighbours.
5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 The Six O'Clock News. Financial report.
6.30 The Milligan Papers (new series) Radio's pioneering comic genius invades the airwave for the start of his own new show.
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite and his team of investigators tackle injustice, fraud, abuse of power and inept bureaucracy.
7.45 The Cross and the Crescent. A history of the Crusades. Malcolm Billings presents the second of an eight-part programme exploring the motivation, route and stopping places of the 11th Century crusades to Jerusalem (s)
8.15 The Long and Winding Road. Car manufacturers intend changing the face of motoring in the next decade. Alun Lewis explores how they plan to do this.
9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre: A Child of her Time, by Roy Kelly.With Lynn Farleigh and Christopher Ravenscroft in the cast (r) (s)
9.30 Mixed Metafordes. Serious and not-so-serious poetry by Nigel Forde.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Topics include The Crescent and the Cross, on Radio 4.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Quarry. by Friedrich Durrenmatt (3)(s). Read by Gavin Campbell. **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Singing together (s) **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop (s) **11.40** Reading corner **11.50** Poetry corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening corner (s) **2.05** Looking at Nature: Outside the body (s) **2.20** Listening and reading **2.30** Pictures in your Mind **2.40** Real World **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time Broadcasting. Radio Geography: Our Changing World **12.30** Wuhan **12.50** Shenzhen/Sha Tin

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Sheedy's six week injury set-back

Everton, who have lost their last two matches, suffered another major set-back when their Republic of Ireland forward, Kevin Sheedy, had a knee operation on a troublesome cartilage yesterday, which will keep him out of the game for up to six weeks.

The injury comes as a blow: Sheedy was the club's leading scorer, when, last week, they were knocked out of the Littlewoods Cup by Liverpool, then surrendered the chance to go top of the League on Sunday when beaten 1-0 at Nottingham Forest.

City bid fails

Manchester City have failed *in their bid to sign Kevin* Langley, the Everton midfield player, yesterday. The Merseyside club turned down City's £100,000 offer for the player, who was on the Maine Road short-list before he joined Everton from Wigan Athletic last year. City have also enquired about Richard Hill, of Northampton, and *Southend's Richard Cadette.*

Milne moves

Dundee United's income from the transfer of players *over the past eight months* broke the £1 million barrier today, when they sold their wing, Ralph Milne, to Charlton for £125,000. Milne, aged 25, is United's top scorer in their 21 years of European football, with 15 goals. The club also recently sold Richard Gough, to Tottenham, for £750,000.

Portsmouth lottery probe

Police investigating alleged unlawful practices in Portsmouth Football club's lottery yesterday seized a number of documents from the club. The *officers of the Gaming Board* confiscated the items, including books and other records, from Fratton Park after obtaining a warrant under the Gaming Act of 1968.

Bassett hitch

Wimbledon have rejected an *approach by Third Division* Brentford for their manager, Dave Bassett. The bold attempt was made by Martin Lange, the Brentford chairman, seeking to replace Frank McLintock, who left Griffin Park last weekend.

Trio of right wings

Three England right wings meet in Saturday's rugby union match between Wasps and Wakefield. The London side, who are *unchanged from* Saturday's 41-3 John Player Special Cup win against Rugby, field Mark Bailey, the former *incumbent,* against Mike Harrison, the man who replaced him, as well as Simon Smith, who has also played on the England right.

Chelsea's troubles increase as Dixon requests transfer

By a Special Correspondent

Chelsea received their second setback in 24 hours yesterday when their England forward Kerry Dixon handed the manager John Hollins a written transfer request.

After Chelsea failed to lure *Leicester City's Alan Smith to* Stamford Bridge, Dixon made it clear that he now wishes to leave the club that he joined from Reading for £175,000 three and a half years ago.

Dixon has struggled to find his scoring touch this season — only eight goals in 29 games — and he was dropped by Hollins from the team that drew with Norwich City at the weekend. His goal drought, coupled with his club's miserable first half of the season, have also taken their toll on Dixon's international place.

After winning his eighth cap in Sweden in September, the 25-year-old has been omitted from the last two national squads to make room for Tony Cottee, West Ham United's leading scorer.

Dixon was keen to stress yesterday that his decision to ask for a move was not done on the spur of the moment.

"It had been in my mind for some time, but I was anxious not to add to the general unrest at the club," he commented as he became the seventh member of the Chelsea first team squad to go on the list.

Dixon's name is added to those of Speedie, Wicks, McLaughlin, Hazard, Francis and Rougvie on the transfer list. The club captain, Pates, and Spackman have also expressed a desire to move on.

Both Speedie and Spackman were relegated to the reserves in October for nine matches each when they asked for a move. It also seems likely now that Dixon could be in for a spell in the second team.

Last Wednesday *Dixon* was substituted in Chelsea's FA Cup victory over Aston Villa and his central striking role was taken by Durie, a £380,000 summer signing from Hibernian.

Durie scored Chelsea's first goal against Villa and did enough to keep Dixon out of Saturday's line-up.

Dixon has also had his problems off the field. Earlier this season he was fined *£2,000 by Hollins* for talking to a national newspaper about a dressing room brawl with Speedie.

Rush is Liverpool doubt for replay

Liverpool face a battle to have their forward, Ian Rush, fit for tonight's FA Cup third round second replay against Luton Town. Rush suffered an ankle injury in Monday's goalless replay at Anfield.

But the Liverpool player-manager, Kenny Dalglish, declined to speculate on Rush's injury and named an unchanged squad of 15. Alan Hansen, the captain, who *needed stitches to a gash in his* head after he tangled with Steve Foster, has reported himself fit.

Dalglish has already made public his feelings about the plastic pitch at Luton where this tie first kicked off in front of the television cameras 16 days ago. But the Luton manager, John Moore, was delighted to have won the toss and the right to bring the game back to Kenilworth Road.

Luton hope to keep the same team for the second replay. Peter Nicholas, the midfield player, had three stitches in a cut eyebrow while Brian Stein and Ricky Hill have been receiving treatment.

The winner of tonight's *match will be at home to* Queen's Park Rangers in the fourth round on Saturday. If a third replay is needed, it will be at Anfield on Saturday.

Plymouth Argyle's preparations for Saturday's fourth round tie at Arsenal have been hampered by a flu-bug at the club. Three experienced defenders — Leigh Cooper, John Uzzell and Gerry McElhinney — are affected and Plymouth are likely to be reduced to their last 12 fully-fit professionals.

Bryan Robson, the England captain, has lost his battle to play *in Manchester United's* fourth round tie against Coventry. Robson, troubled by a hamstring problem, had planned a run out with the reserves yesterday but said he could still feel the injury.

Millichip is sorry

Bert Millichip, chairman of the Football Association, has offered his "deep apologies" over alleged criticism of the GM Vauxhall Conference and Telford United.

Millichip has been reported as stating that Telford would not be admitted into the Football League on the basis of their ground failing to meet grading criteria.

Further comments by the FA chairman about the venue of the *Telford-Leeds FA Cup third* round tie gave rise to local allegations of dishonesty at the Conference club. The game was eventually *switched* to West Bromwich Albion's ground on the FA's orders.

In response to a number of letters sent by officials of the Conference, Millichip said: "The comments were made purely as a defence of the Football Association. I never intended to offend the Conference nor imply that Telford United wanted anything but to stage the third round tie at their ground. There was never any doubt that Telford wished to play that match at home."

Millichip added: "It is nothing to do with me whether the club get into the Football League. I am chairman of the FA. I understand that Telford have received an 'A' grading and that spells out that they have a good ground."

Millichip concluded that comments were intended as criticism of the media coverage.

Wilkinson to delay judgement

By Martin Searby

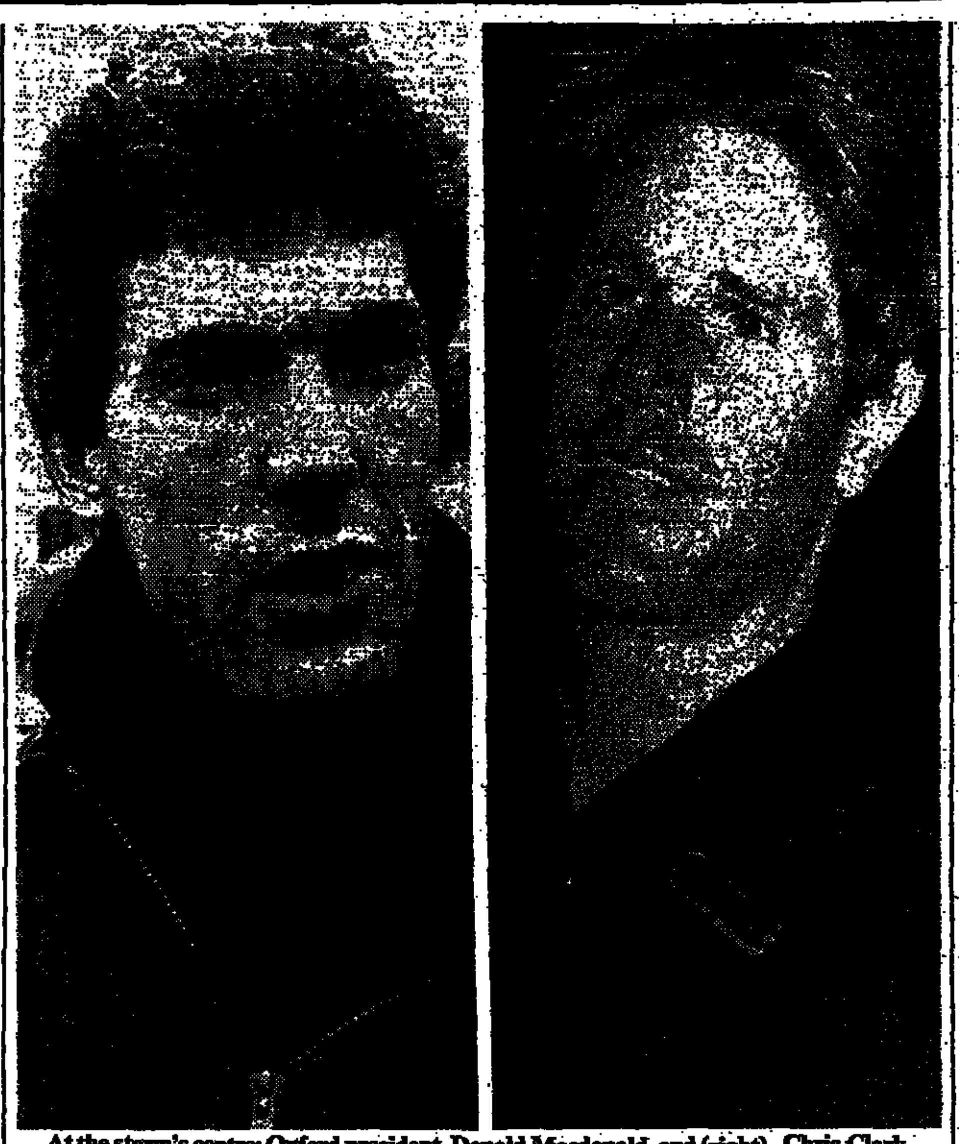
Howard Wilkinson, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, will wait to see the referee's report on the dismissal of his club's forward, Lee Chapman during Monday night's FA Cup tie before *deciding what action to take.*

Chapman was sent off by George Courtney two minutes before half-time for retaliating to a challenge by Geraint Williams. Wilkinson, who had to be restrained by colleagues on the touchline, admitted: "My reaction left a lot to be desired. I had to calm everyone down during the interval and it was very much a case of do as I say — not as I do."

Courtney, who has been on the League list for 13 years and is England's senior FIFA referee, had a job throughout as Wednesday players refused to *accept his decisions. They* clearly thought Derby were getting away with too much and the protests were loud and protracted. But unlike so many of his colleagues, Courtney refused to bend and *it was noticeable that both* sides calmed down after the interval.

Wilkinson was obviously relieved his team ended a run of six matches without a win and later waxed almost lyrical about the victory. "There we were," he said, "virtually a corpse crawling along in the desert with the vultures gathering when suddenly we got up, fought back and started enjoying the sunshine."

Wednesday now visit Chester City in the fourth round after Bradshaw's only goal maintained an extraordinary record of not them losing a cup tie at Hillsborough since 1973.



At the storm's centre: Oxford president, Donald Macdonald, and (right) Chris Clark

President offers to quit in Oxford Boat Race crisis

By Jim Railton

In an attempt to get the potential Oxford *University* Boat Race crew back into training and end a dispute over selection, Oxford's president, Donald Macdonald, aged 31, has offered to stand down from the crew and act as executive *president.* This is the first attempt at a compromise in a crisis which yesterday kept Oxford off the river at Marlow for the second successive day.

But while Macdonald is *willing to make his sacrifice,* he is also demanding that the man whom he was to have replaced in the squad — the American and Oxford Blue, Chris Clark — is dropped from the squad.

Clark refuted suggestions that the rebellion amongst the crew was being led by Americans. He said: " It just happens there are Americans involved. There is nothing that should indicate that it is US incited or led. This involves the entire crew no matter what nationality we are.

" It is the culmination of a few years of frictions. It appears to be a battle between the establishment and us, but it's not. We are just seeking compromise."

Macdonald said yesterday evening: "The decision stands which was taken by the coaches and myself on Sunday (to prefer Macdonald to Clark). We met with the crew on Monday in Oxford and no additional evidence came forward which had not been aired on Sunday and an overwhelming majority of the Oxford coaches considered Clark unsuitable for the squad."

Macdonald went on to imply that Sunday's decision after an almost five hour meeting was democratic. "It *must stand as nothing new has* emerged."

Macdonald is suggesting that Paul Gleeson, who is stroking Oxford's reserve crew, Isis, should row in his place. This will, however, depend on *Gleeson's* agreement and the remainder of the proposed Oxford crew electing to row. "If not, I must pick, what crew I can," he said.

Macdonald is keen to get Oxford back on the water *since the Boat Race is sched*uled for March 28. He thinks that by making the gesture he can solve the problem and maintain the integrity of the Oxford University Boat Club.

This was relayed to the Oxford crew last night and Macdonald was awaiting their decision. It is one way forward: but leading Oxford oarsmen may not wish to sacrifice the American in which case the crisis will continue.

Earlier, the Oxford oarsmen had gathered in Oriel Square where they were due to meet Macdonald. But the prsident arrived *late* — by which time the oarsmen had elected to lift weights and row on ergometers at the University's Sports Centre in Iffley Road.

ATHLETICS

Passport poser for Williams

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Barrington Williams had a few more surprises yesterday for the British selectors who had picked him for next week's meeting in Hungary, following his AAA long jump title in only his second indoor competition last Saturday.

Williams was already something of a curiosity in that he is unbeaten in club and county competition in the 100 metres and long jump for 12 years, and becomes Britain's *oldest* track and field debutant at 31. But it transpired yesterday that Williams has neither a passport nor the intention of competing on Sunday, when the long jump is scheduled, since he is a devout Christian.

The British Board have had events changed in internationals in the past for similar cases, notably hurdler Blondelle Thompson of Birchfield Harriers in the early 1970s, and officials feel that there will be little problem in getting the long jump changed to Saturday in order to accommodate Williams.

But the passport might be a little more problematic. Although Williams has lived in Britain for 24 years, as his North Midlands accent testifies, he was born in Jamaica, and cheerfully admitted yesterday: "I've *never applied* for a passport, because I hate aeroplanes and never imagined I'd be leaving the country for anything."

The quickest way to solve the problem is for Williams to get a Jamaican passport and then visa, in order to leave with the team a week Friday, and Board officials are contacting the Jamaican Embassy to do just that.

Williams is a Pentecostal Sunday school teacher, and said yesterday, "I don't compete on Sunday, because I try and obey the scriptures. That's also why I've never really pushed myself in competition, because I've never taken athletics that seriously. Its nice to get the selection, I'm *really surprised but I don't* think I'm really going anywhere at my age."

If the passport and programming problems are overcome, Williams is certainly going to Budapest. But Adrian Passey, another surprise winner at Cosford on Saturday has turned down his Budapest invitation for the *3000 metres, because of fam*ily commitments. But Passey, 22, has also been selected for the European indoor championships.

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The right way to win by Robson

Team managers and parents of young players who overemphasize the will to win were yesterday blamed by the England manager, Bobby Robson, for many of the game's ills during the FA's launch of a nationwide football coaching programme.

In a campaign to establish a thousand coaching centres for the 8 to 14 age group — which the FA have described as the most visionary initiative that they have undertaken — it is hoped that the right kind of interest in the game will be developed at the earliest possible age.

The *objects of the FA's* programme, which is sponsored by General Motors, are to raise the level of individual skills, make a positive contribution to the battle against hooliganism, and to *provide the opportunity* for girls as well as boys to become involved in the game. Youngsters attending the coaching centres, *which will be staffed* by qualified coaches, will be taught basic ball skills and how to enjoy the game at ar level while respecting opp nents and referees.

Robson said: "It seems me, that so many team m agers do not understand ; real meaning of competiti ness or the will to win. Be competitive and playing win does not mean cheatir nor does it mean kickin opponents rather than the ball, or arguing with the referee.

"Unfortunately a large *number of our youngsters* are being influenced by very well-intentioned but, in a sense, misguided team managers. In some cases the criticism has to be extended to parents.

"Where I believe some team managers are misguided is their attitude to winning. We all want to win and we must encourage youngsters to play to win. To have a really enjoyable contest it is necessary. There is, however, a price which is too high to pay. That price is when the prize becomes more important than the game itself."

Concern was expressed that the age of eight was too young for coaching but Robson insisted that good coaching was beneficial at any age. "You have to start somewhere. "The kind of coaching eight-year-*olds* receive *is* very low key. They learn the basics and are encouraged to have fun and try any individual skills they wish. Only bad coaching ruins young players," he said.

Quintessential education

The England manager offered five detailed areas of advice for team managers and though these were clearly directed at those in charge of young players they could be profitably studied by more senior colleagues.

1) Do not shout abuse at players or referee. In most cases this is an indication that the manager has lost control, one sign of poor management. 2) All criticism and observation should be left until half-time, the end of the match or the next training session. 3) Any criticism should lead on to positive advice, namely 'do this' rather than 'don't do that'. 4) In issuing criticism and instructions the calmer the manager the greater his influence. Managers (like teachers) who rant and rave are regarded as sources of free entertainment but not good *for getting results.* 5) *It* is easier to retaliate than to walk away when an opponent has kicked you. It is tempting but not profitable to argue with the referee. Self-discipline is best taught by example. If the team manager cannot show that example what chance do his players have? Robson appealed to all coaches and managers *throughout* the game no matter how humble their team to join him "in the crusade".

The coaching centres will teach, among other things, a code of behaviour which includes not arguing with referees. The England captain, Bryan Robson, was asked whether these lessons *should* now be taught to senior pros "In 90 minutes of footba there will always be playei who get hot-headed. Mostl though I think professional are trying much harder to *control themselves,*" he said.

An impressive launch of the comprehensive coaching course, staged at Aston Villa Sports and Leisure Centre, prompted the attendance of many leading figures from the FA, the Football League, the police and the schools. Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister *for Sport,* read a letter of enthusiastic support from the Prime Minister.

● A cheque for £25,000 was presented to the police by the FA for their co-operation in football crowd control.

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

New Jersey putting on the style for Giants

East Rutherford, New Jersey (AP) — About 10,000 people were gathering in a frosty Giants Stadium yesterday to greet the New York Giants with confetti and celebrate their first national football championship in three decades.

They started to gather at dawn, lighting bonfires and cooking breakfast as they prepared to welcome the team home after the 39-20 victory over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXI. Governor Thomas Kean of New Jersey *planned to present the players* with commemorative gold medallions.

Joe Piscopo, a comedian who is a native of New Jersey, kicked off the stadium festivities when he invoked the name of the New York Giants. Then he paused, and said: "It's the New Jersey Giants. I was just testing you."

Denver held its homecoming festivities on Monday. About 100,000 cheering fans packed the city centre for a ticker-tape parade and rally to assure the Broncos that they are still No. 1 at home.

The Giants crowd, dressed *in scarves, hats and jackets* sporting the Giants' red and blue in 13degs F (minus 10C) weather, watched extracts from the game on the stadium's two electronic scoreboards.

"The cold is no problem because the Giants won the Super Bowl," said one 13-year-old, Catherine Leonard. *Her uncle,* Bob Leonard, of Montville, stood in 4 inches of snow on the tarpaulin-covered field and said: "I'm going to keep warm by doing a lot of cheering and a lot of yelling."

CRICKET

County signings talks

By a Special Correspondent

The Test and County Cricket Board have taken the first steps towards controlling the growing movement of players between counties that has become such a feature of the English game this winter.

The TCCB registrations *committee,* chaired by Denis Silk, Warden of Radley College, met for over three hours at Lord's yesterday to discuss the situation but will not be announcing any changes in the current rules on players' *qualification until their* full board meeting in March.

There is official concern about the mushrooming scale of the football-style signing of players. Ian Botham's move from Somerset to Worcester*shire was merely a continu*ation of a trend that has become *increasingly* evident. At least a dozen players have switched counties since the end of last season, and that total seems sure to increase before this summer's first ball is bowled.

Graham Dilley, of Kent, has still to decide his future, and Essex are favourites to tempt Monte Lynch away from Surrey now that his contract has expired.

All this, together with the decision of more than one county to register two overseas players even though they *can only play one, is likely to* be debated in even more detail in the weeks to come.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

McNamee bows out

Sydney, (Reuter) — Paul McNamee, who has played in two triumphant Australian *Davis Cup teams, yesterday* announced his retirement from the competition.

McNamee, aged 32, who is better known as a doubles player with Peter McNamara with whom he twice won Wimbledon, *made his* decision after watching his compatriot, Wally Masur beat Boris Becker in the Australian Open in Melbourne two weeks ago. "I feel the young guys are now ready to take the job and by *standing* down I'm not letting the team down in any way," said McNamee, who willcontinue on the international circuit full-time.

In the swim

Hewlett Packard, the computer company, have extended their sponsorship of English swimming until the end of 1988. The deal, announced yesterday, will be worth £50,000 a year to the Amateur Swimming Association and the English Schools Swimming Association.

McNamee: surprise decision

Coach named

Trafford Metros (Manchester), the first division ice hockey team, yesterday named Jim McGarrigle, from Sheffield, as coach following the decision of their Canadian player, Brian Sims to relinquish his coaching duties.

Thorpe honour

David Thorpe, the world 500cc motocross champion, *who is Britain's only motor*cycle world champion, was the guest of honour in Birmingham yesterday at the annual awards presentation of the Auto Cycle Union, motorcycling's governing body in Britain.

Edberg loses

Los Angeles, (Reuter) — John McEnroe took advantage of Stefan Edberg's third set errors and fatigue brought on by a 13-hour flight from Australia to record a 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 victory in an exhibition match over the Swede, who had retained his Australian Open title only three days before. In an earlier match, Vitas Gerulaitas defeated Ilie Nastase 6-4 6-2.

CCPR's plea

The Central Council of Physical Recreation has urged town halls to follow Scotland's *lead and cut the rates* bill for local sports clubs. Strathclyde Regional Council, the biggest local authority in the United Kingdom, has introduced immediate 50 per cent rate relief for all amateur clubs and associations, saving them a total of £1m a year.

Peter Lawson, general secretary of the CCPR *which has* campaigned for reductions, said: "We hope that local councils throughout Britain will follow suit and release sports clubs from the burden of punitive and unfair *taxation.*"

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